



## I-131 Referral Guidelines

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M NM F SF

Referring Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Below are guidelines/requirements for referral for I-131 Therapy. If you have any questions, please let us know and we can help you and your client through the process.

\_\_\_ Tapazole or methimazole trial for at least three weeks.

\_\_\_ CBC, Chem Panel, T4 after normalization of thyroid levels with antithyroid medication to evaluate adequate kidney function. If no dramatic worsening of kidney function is detected, then the cat is considered a good candidate for I-131 therapy.

\_\_\_ Bloodwork (CBC, Chem Panel, T4) at the time hyperthyroidism was first diagnosed.

\_\_\_ Highest T4 level (may be the first)

\_\_\_ Abdominal ultrasound and echocardiogram (is included in the cost of therapy). Just inform our office if ultrasound is needed and we can schedule these to be performed. If enlarged lymph nodes are seen, fine needle aspirate for cytological review may be needed to determine cause of enlargement. The echocardiogram is performed to see how the heart has responded to the hyperthyroid state.

\_\_\_ Urinalysis including specific gravity measured by a refractometer.

\_\_\_ CBC and chemistry panel within 30 days prior to admission.

\_\_\_ OFF methimazole therapy for three full days.

**Please send your patient's medical record to our office prior to I-131 consultation. This will help us prepare for your patients' treatment.**

Medical records can be faxed to 559-451-0808. You may also contact our office at 559-451-0800.

**The cost for I-131 therapy is \$1200.00. This is all inclusive. The cost includes: three day hospital stay, home care package, abdominal ultrasound, and echocardiogram.**