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A REVIEW OF

Mo 99/Tc 99m generators

Ultra-Technekow™ V4 (technetium Tc 99m generator) Indication and Important Risk Information

Indication & Usage

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Important risk information

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Introduction

Radioisotope generators serve as a convenient system for production of medical radioisotopes, including technetium 99m (Tc 99m), within nuclear pharmacies.¹ Tc 99m is an essential diagnostic radioisotope that is widely used in approximately 80% of all nuclear medicine procedures worldwide. In the United States alone, 40,000 to 50,000 Tc 99m-based scans are performed daily.²

Sodium Pertechnetate Tc 99m can be used alone or chemically incorporated into diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals using cold kits for single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) imaging studies, including^{3,4}:

- Thyroid imaging*
- Urinary bladder imaging for detection of vesico-ureteral reflux*
- Salivary gland imaging[†]
- Nasolacrimal drainage system imaging[†]
- Cardiac imaging[‡]
- Bone imaging[‡]

*Sodium Pertechnetate Tc 99m indications for both adult and pediatric patients.

†Sodium Pertechnetate Tc 99m indications for adult patients only.

‡Sodium Pertechnetate Tc 99m for cold kit labeling; see product labels for more information.

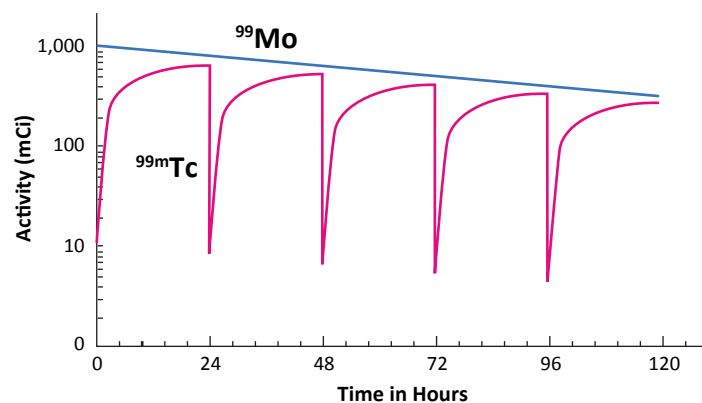
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FIGURE 1: Plot of typical Mo 99 and Tc 99m activity on a logarithmic scale over time. Adapted from National Academy of Sciences NRC Committee 2009.^{5*}



*Assumes elution occurs every 24 hours.

Tc 99m is the daughter nuclide of molybdenum 99 (Mo 99) beta decay. Mo 99/Tc 99m generators are used to obtain Tc 99m for SPECT imaging or radiopharmaceutical labeling through an elution process.

Mo 99 has a half-life of 66 hours, and over ~24 hours, the Mo 99/Tc 99m reaches transient equilibrium. Over time, the total amount of Mo 99 in the Mo 99/Tc 99m generator decays until it is no longer useful (see [Figure 1](#)). Due to the short 6-hour half-life of Tc 99m and its importance to North America, it is imperative to maintain a reliable Mo 99 supply.^{1-3,5,6}

In the US, there are 3 main Tc 99m generator manufacturers that use 2 primary production methods for starting materials for the current FDA-approved Mo 99/Tc 99m generators (see [Table 1](#)).⁷⁻¹² Other generators in the pipeline include one from BWXT Medical Ltd that will use Mo 98 as a starting material for the production of Mo 99 and another from NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes that will use Mo 100-produced Mo 99.^{13,14}

TABLE 1: FDA-approved Mo 99/Tc 99m generators^{7-12,15}

Company	Generator	Starting Material	Reaction
Curium	Ultra-Technekow™ V4 (technetium Tc 99m generator)	100% HALEU ^a	Fission
Lantheus Medical Imaging	TechneLite® (technetium Tc 99m generator)	100% HALEU ^a	Fission
NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes	RadioGenix® System (technetium Tc 99m generator)	Mo 98	Neutron capture

^aHigh-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU) is enriched 5% to <20% U 235.¹⁶

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General process

The Mo 99 production process begins with an enriched target material that is irradiated with neutrons at research reactors.^{6,8,9,12,17} Six global research reactors are used to irradiate U 235 targets, and 1 domestic research reactor is used to irradiate Mo 98 targets.^{2,12} The irradiated targets are then processed into Mo 99 bulk liquid at a Mo 99 processing facility. This liquid Mo 99 is incorporated into the final Mo 99/Tc 99m generators at manufacturing facilities. To satisfy the demand for Tc 99m-based scans, every stage of the process must be continuous and efficient, preserving as much radioactivity as possible for the Mo 99/Tc 99m generators.^{6,12} Disruptions in workflow can have significant downstream implications and cause widespread outages.

Supply of target material

Uranium 235 (U 235) and molybdenum 98 (Mo 98) are the 2 main target materials for the production of Mo 99.⁷⁻¹² Both isotopes have a modest natural abundance (~0.7% and 24%, respectively) and undergo enrichment to help improve the efficiency of the irradiation process.^{8,9,12,17,18} U 235 is enriched to between 5% and <20%, at which point it is classified as high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU).¹⁶ The U 235 used by Curium and Lantheus Medical Imaging is enriched to 19.75%.¹² The US Department of Energy (US DOE) manages the supply of HALEU, which is preferred over high-enriched uranium (HEU; ≥20% U 235) for medical isotope production due to

diversion concerns.^{6,19} Mo 98 is enriched to >95% and is mainly available from a supplier in the Russian Federation.^{6,17}

Fission vs neutron capture

Targets are irradiated using 2 different methods: U 235 undergoes fission, and Mo 98 undergoes neutron capture.^{5,6} Fission is the bombardment of the U 235 nucleus with neutrons to cause the nucleus to fission or break apart (see Figure 2a). This results in a reaction that produces high amounts of energy and many byproducts. Mo 99 makes up approximately 6% of the total byproduct of a U 235 fission reaction.^{5,6,18,20} Other byproducts of U 235 fission include I 131 and Xe 133, which are used in other nuclear medicine procedures.⁶ Xenon Xe 133 Gas is used in pulmonary function evaluations, lung imaging, and cerebral blood flow assessments.²¹

Neutron capture occurs when neutrons bombard the Mo 98 nucleus and one of the neutrons merges with the atomic nucleus to produce Mo 99 (see Figure 2b). Even though Mo 99 is produced in this process, a significant number of Mo 98 atoms are still present.^{5,6,18}

Neutron capture yields Low Specific Activity Mo 99, while the fission method yields High Specific Activity Mo 99. Low Specific Activity Mo 99 cannot be efficiently used in Mo 99/Tc 99m generators designed for Mo 99 derived from fission of U 235. Specific activity is the radioactivity per unit mass of a material. This means that at the same

FIGURE 2a: Production of Mo 99 from U 235 fission. Adapted from National Academy of Sciences NRC Committee 2009.^{5,6}

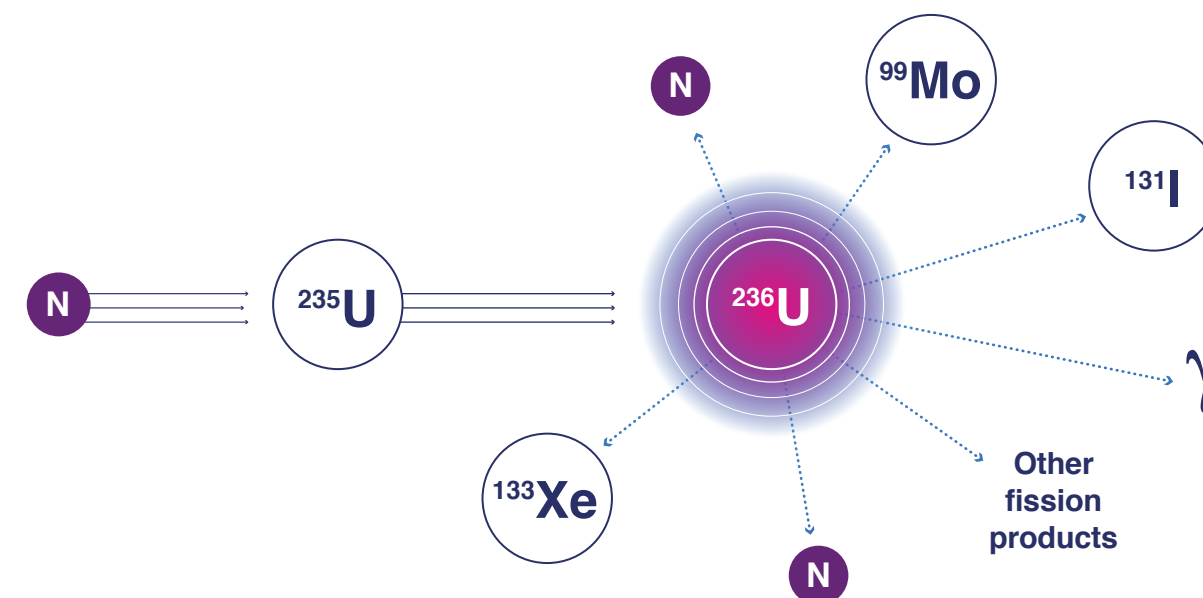


FIGURE 2b: Production of Mo 99 from Mo 98 neutron capture. Adapted from National Academy of Sciences NRC Committee 2009.⁵



Important Risk Information for Xenon Xe 133 Gas

Warnings and precautions

- Xenon Xe 133 Gas delivery systems, i.e., respirators or spirometers, and associated tubing assemblies must be leakproof to avoid loss of radioactivity into the laboratory environs not specifically protected by exhaust systems.

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- Radiopharmaceuticals should be used only by physicians who are qualified by training and experience in the safe use and handling of radionuclides and whose experience and training have been approved by the appropriate government agency authorized to license the use of radionuclides.

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TABLE 2a: U 235 Research Reactors^{12,22-35}

Mo 99 Research Reactor	Location	Year of Commission
HFR	The Netherlands	1961
BR2	Belgium	1961
SAFARI-1	South Africa	1965
OPAL	Australia	2007
Maria	Poland	1974
LVR-15	Czech Republic	1957
FRM II ^a	Germany	2005
PALLAS ^b	The Netherlands	After 2030 ^c
JHR ^d	France	After 2030 ^c

^a€5.4 million investment; scheduled to have Mo 99 production in 2025.
^b€497 million investment; scheduled to replace the HFR reactor.
^cAnticipated year of commission.
^d€500 million investment; scheduled to replace the OSIRIS reactor.

TABLE 2b: Non-Uranium Mo 99 Production Facilities³⁶⁻³⁹

Facility	Location	Process	Year Commissioned
MURR	United States	Neutron capture (Mo 98)	1966
NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes Accelerator Production Facility ^a	United States	Electron accelerator (Mo 100)	2023
OPG Darlington Nuclear Generating Station ^a	Canada	Neutron capture (Mo 98)	1990

^aNot currently FDA approved for use in a technetium Tc 99m generator.

mass, fission-produced Mo 99 has more available radioactivity than neutron capture-produced Mo 99. As a result, fission of U 235 is the most widely used process for Mo 99 production. High Specific Activity Mo 99 takes up less mass; therefore, it leads to space efficiencies within the pharmacy.^{2,5,6,18}

Reactor investments

Six global research reactors supply the majority of U 235-derived Mo 99 and are supported by 4 global Mo 99 processing facilities. Alternatively, the Mo 98-based Mo 99 supply chain relies on 1 reactor and 1 processing facility.^{2,12,37}

It is important to invest in routine maintenance and upgrades to preserve the supply chain. Approximately €400 million has been invested in recent years into upgrades for research reactors.⁴⁰ When a Mo 99-producing reactor nears the end of its life cycle, it is decommissioned and replaced with a new reactor. New reactors are either recently constructed or established by expanding the capabilities of an existing reactor. Over €1 billion has been invested in new Mo 99 reactors, ensuring the security and longevity of the Mo 99 supply (see Tables 2a and 2b).²⁹⁻³⁵

Redundancies

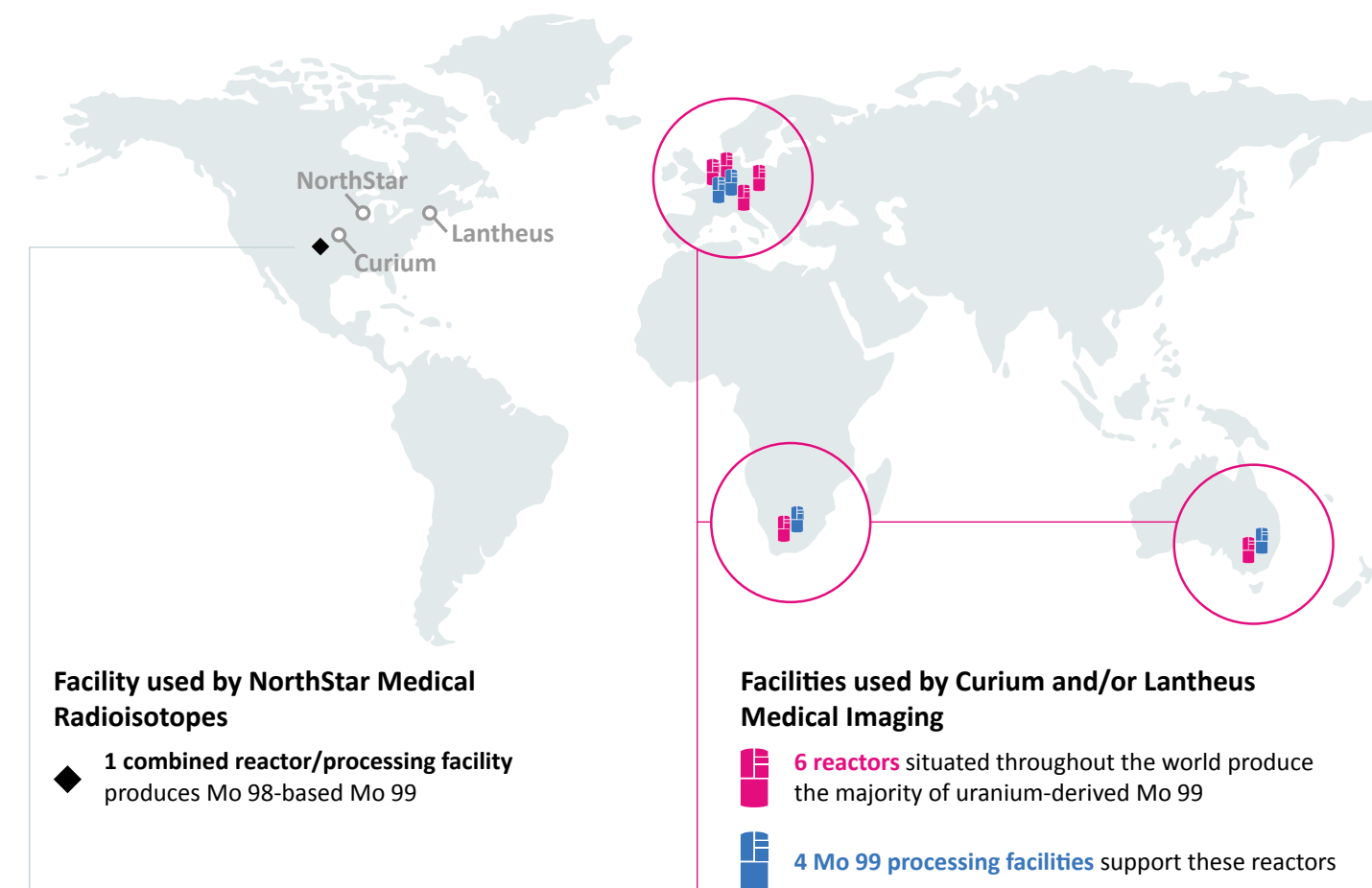
As Mo 99 has a 66-hour half-life, Mo 99/Tc 99m generators can only be used for 2 to 3 weeks.^{1,8,10,41} To meet the high demand for Tc 99m generators and withstand the possibility of outages, the workflow must include redundancies that protect the integrity of the supply chain. In addition, numerous research reactors used to produce Mo 99 and processing facilities help to maintain the workflow.^{2,6,12,37}

The reactors within the U 235 workstream are run by governments, and routine maintenance is coordinated between the facilities to allow for proactive planning for Mo 99 producers.^{12,42} The Mo 98-based production chain is currently limited to the Missouri University Research Reactor (MURR) (see Figure 3).^{2,12,37}

Mo 99 producers must buy reactor slot time for routine Mo 99 production, so it is important to

protect the supply chain in case of an outage.^{6,12} Outage reserve capacity is a strategy used by Mo 99 producers to proactively purchase extra reactor capacity, so targets can be irradiated in the event of an unexpected outage.^{2,6,43} A diversified and redundant network is more adaptable during scheduled maintenance and flexible during unexpected outages.

FIGURE 3: Map of Mo 99 Production Facilities^{2,12,37}



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- As in the use of any radioactive material, care should be taken to minimize radiation exposure to the patient consistent with proper patient management and to ensure minimum radiation exposure to occupational workers.

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Warnings and precautions

- After the termination of the nasolacrimal imaging procedure, blowing the nose and washing the eyes with sterile distilled water or an isotonic sodium chloride solution will further minimize the radiation dose.

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TABLE 3: Features of Mo 99/Tc 99m generators^{1,3,8-12,41,44-47}

	Ultra-Technekow™ V4 (technetium Tc 99m generator)	TechneLite® (technetium Tc 99m generator)	RadioGenix® System (technetium Tc 99m generator)
Mo 99 source	U 235; 100% HALEU	U 235; 100% HALEU	Mo 98
System type	Dry system	Dry system	Isotope separation platform with liquid Mo 99 source vessel
Activity options	13	13	4
Shielding options	Lead, depleted uranium	Lead	Lead, tungsten
Expiration	14 days after manufacturing	14 days after manufacturing	21 days after manufacturing ^a
Dimensions	~5 in D x 12 in H	~5 in D x 12 in H	48 in L x 29 in D x 75 in H
Weight	55 to 70 lb (generator and packaging); full auxiliary shield adds 280 lb	Contact manufacturer for weight of generator, packaging, and full auxiliary shield	~90 lb (source vessel); 3011 lb (generator system)

^aSource vessel.

Generator overview

The current FDA-approved Mo 99/Tc 99m generators derived from HALEU are dry, solid systems with an alumina column that has Mo 99 adsorbed onto it (see Table 3). These are 2-port systems: 1 port is for the saline generator eluant and the other is for the evacuated collection vial. During elution, saline that is passed through the system collects the Tc 99m from the column into the evacuated vial (see Figure 4a).^{1,3,7,44}

The RadioGenix® System is a more complex radioisotope separation platform that relies on a liquid Mo 99 source vessel and a dual-separation cartridge pathway (see Figure 4b and Table 3). The liquid Mo 99 source vessel is used to contain the Mo 99. Once the computer-driven system initiates the elution process, the Mo 99 is drawn across

the first column, which is the primary separation cartridge that retains the Tc 99m. The Mo 99 is then returned to the source vessel. The system is eluted again to remove the Tc 99m from the first column. The user must perform significant assembly and maintenance on the RadioGenix® System before and after elution. Additional shielding for the system may be required by the end user to mitigate exposure during the elution process.^{10,45-47}

Elution process

The elution process for dry generators is a convenient procedure that takes approximately 5 minutes after the initial generator setup. For the Ultra-Technekow™ V4 generator, this includes initially setting the generator into the auxiliary shield, setting up generator accessories, and seating a Technestat™ vial on the elution needles to help maintain sterility.^{3,12,48}

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Warnings and precautions

- Since the eluate does not contain an antimicrobial agent, it should not be used after 12 hours from time of generator elution.

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Ultra-Technekow™ V4 and TechneLite® elution process

- Using aseptic technique and the appropriate accessories^{3,12}:
 - Puncture eluant vial with eluant needles
 - Remove Technestat vial
 - Pierce evacuated vial with elution needle to begin elution (~5 minutes)
 - Replace Technestat vial
- Perform quality control procedures³
 - Tc 99m and Mo 99 content
 - Aluminum ion concentration

This procedure uses only 2 consumables: the generator eluant vial and the evacuated collection vial, as detailed in Table 4.⁴⁸

RadioGenix® System elution process

The elution process for the RadioGenix® System involves the initial installation and setup of the equipment, reagent, sterilizing filters, and sterile collection vials. The elution protocol is controlled by the computer system and takes approximately 45 minutes after the initial setup.^{45,47}

FIGURE 4:

Side-by-side images of Figures 4a and 4b to scale

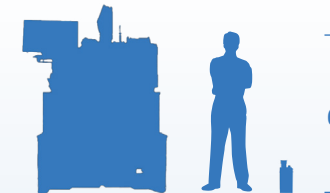
**FIGURE 4a:**

Image of Ultra-Technekow™ V4

Dimensions of generator¹²

~5 in D x 12 in H

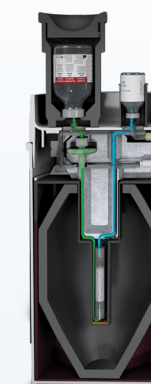
**FIGURE 4b:**

Image of RadioGenix® System

Dimensions of system⁴⁶

48 in L x 29 in D x 75 in H



Images not to scale.

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Adverse reactions

- Allergic reactions including anaphylaxis have been reported infrequently following the administration of Sodium Pertechnetate Tc 99m.

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- Prior to elution protocol, users must⁴⁵:
 - Connect Mo 99 source vessel using the source vessel kit, consisting of a catheter, air filter, and manifold
 - Aseptically install the primary separation cartridge (PSC) pack, consisting of the PSC, hydrogen peroxide wipe, and tubing assembly
 - Aseptically assemble and install the Tc 99m elution pack, consisting of the Tc 99m product cartridge, Tc 99m collection vial, product port cap, alcohol wipe, Tc 99m collection vial shield label, and Tc 99m collection vial label
 - Attach the saline tubing pack, consisting of a hydrogen peroxide wipe and saline tubing
 - Attach a sterile 0.9% saline bag
- Initiate computer-controlled elution process (~45 minutes)^{45,47}

- Perform multistep quality control procedures⁴⁵
 - Mo 99 breakthrough test
 - Colorimetric aluminum ion test procedure
 - Determination of pH

This procedure uses a collection of consumables for eluting the system, detailed in **Table 4**.⁴⁵

Maintenance

Dry generators, like the Ultra-Technekow™ V4, require a daily inspection to ensure parts and tools are functioning properly and lead is not exposed.⁴⁸ The RadioGenix® System has 7 user-based maintenance protocols that operate on varying schedules and are in addition to annual preventative maintenance performed by a technician from NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes (see **Table 5**).⁴⁵

TABLE 4: Consumables for generator elution^{12,44,45,48}

Ultra-Technekow™ V4 (technetium Tc 99m generator)	TechneLite® (technetium Tc 99m generator)	RadioGenix® System (technetium Tc 99m generator)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evacuated vial 2. 0.9% saline vial (generator eluant) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evacuated vial 2. 0.9% saline vial (generator eluant) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Source vessel kit 2. PSC pack 3. Elution pack 4. Saline tubing pack 5. NaOH reagent solution 6. 0.9% saline bag 7. Discarded radioactive waste collection container

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Use in specific populations

- Pregnancy: Sodium Pertechnetate Tc 99m should be given to pregnant women only if the expected benefits to be gained clearly outweigh the potential hazards.

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TABLE 5: Maintenance schedule for Mo 99/Tc 99m generators^{45,48}

Ultra-Technekow™ V4	TechneLite®	RadioGenix® System
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily inspection to ensure parts and tools are functioning properly and lead is not exposed 	Contact manufacturer for maintenance schedule.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initialization cycle when prompted or as needed 2. Replace 0.9% sodium chloride injection, USP every 10 elutions or 24 hours 3. Replace Tc 99m product cartridge, vial, and port caps every elution 4. Replace NaOH and PSC every 10 elutions or after sterilization 5. Replace or remove source vessel no later than expiration date (21 days from production) 6. Sterilize with ozonated water weekly 7. Exchange radioactive waste container (3.5 L) every 200 elutions or earlier 8. Requires annual preventative maintenance from NorthStar technician

New generator

BWXT Medical has submitted a new drug application to the US Food and Drug Administration proposing approval for a new Mo 99/Tc 99m generator. This generator will use Mo 98 irradiated at a commercial power reactor or MURR as a Mo 99 source, rather than U 235. Additionally, there is a proprietary process for converting the low-specific activity Mo 99 into the Tc 99m generator that BWXT reports will “perform exactly the same as other generators on the market (i.e., offering the same activity, quality, and method of elution).”^{13,49}

Historically, there have been safety and efficacy concerns around neutron capture-derived Mo 99 within Mo 99/Tc 99m generators. Breakthrough Mo 99 is a significant concern that can be related to the low-specific activity Mo 99 from neutron capture and the small size of the alumina column in the traditional Mo 99/Tc 99m dry generators.

The neutron capture method of production has a risk of half-life impurities, including radionuclidic, radiochemical, and biologic. The currently designed traditional Mo 99/Tc 99m generators are designed to support fission-derived Mo 99 and do not lend themselves as favorably to neutron capture-derived Mo 99.^{18,50}

Solid vs liquid radioactive material

Liquid Mo 99 radioactive material has a potential to spill; therefore, it carries a higher level of risk compared to solid radioactive material. Spills or releases of radioactive material are considered a radiation emergency by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC was created as an independent agency to ensure safe use of radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes while protecting people and the environment. There are strict regulations for radioactive materials, and

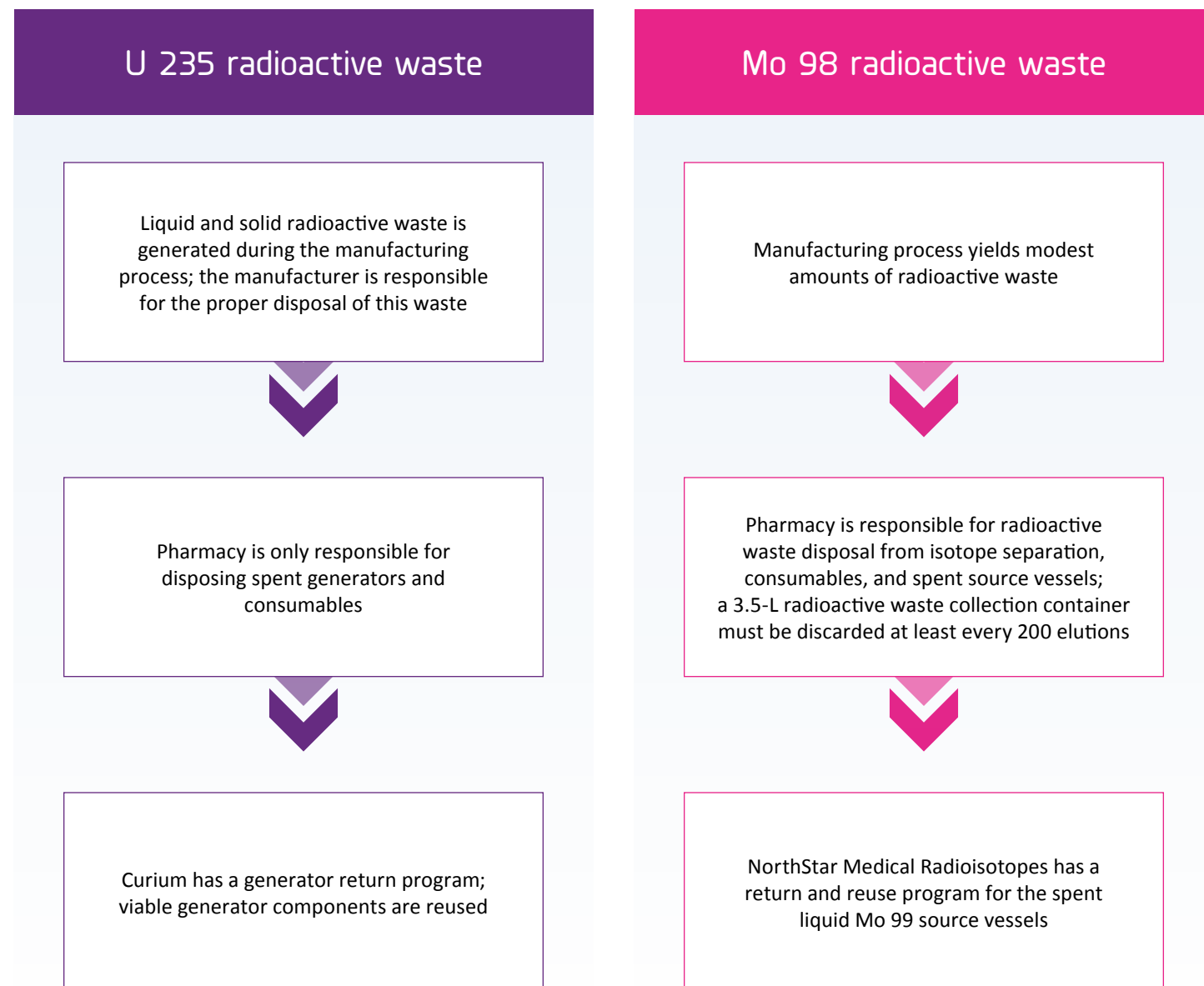
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- Breastfeeding: Technetium Tc-99m is excreted in human milk during lactation, therefore, formula-feedings should be substituted for breast-feedings.

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FIGURE 5: Radioactive waste by production method^{3,12,45,51}



the NRC maintains an incident response program to provide expert consultation, support, and assistance for emergency events.⁵²⁻⁵⁴ The NRC also partners with the US Department of Transportation to establish shipping rules for radioactive material.⁵⁵

Radioactive waste

Radioactive waste disposal is highly regulated by governments and organizations around the world.^{56,57} The U 235-based manufacturing process generates more radioactive waste than Mo 98-based production, although the total amount remains limited.

The manufacturing process for Curium’s U 235-derived Mo 99 produces <20 L total of liquid and solid radioactive waste per batch.¹² This waste is disposed of at the Central Organization for Radioactive Waste (COVRA) in the Netherlands, a facility whose sole responsibility is to process and store radioactive waste in a professional and safe manner.⁵⁸ At COVRA, liquid and solid radioactive waste is solidified in concrete and stored in dedicated buildings at the facility.⁵⁹ The manufacturing process for U 235-derived Mo 99/Tc 99m generator produces domestic radioactive waste, which is disposed of at a licensed low-level waste disposal facility. Domestic radioactive waste created from these generators within nuclear pharmacies is limited. Curium offers a return program for spent generators to reuse viable components.^{3,12}

The manufacturing process for the Mo 98-derived Mo 99/Tc 99m generator produces domestic radioactive waste. Radioactive waste is generated

with the use of neutron capture Tc 99m generators within the nuclear pharmacies and has to be disposed of at a licensed low-level waste disposal facility. NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes also has a return and reuse program for spent liquid Mo 99 source vessels.^{45,51}

Although radioactive waste is produced throughout the production of Mo 99/Tc 99m generators, regulations establish responsible disposal practices.^{60,61} Due to the nature of the manufacturing process, production of Mo 99/Tc 99m generators derived from U 235 places responsibility for radioactive waste disposal onto the manufacturer, whereas Mo 98-based generators require the user to store and dispose of radioactive waste (see Figure 5).^{3,12,45,51}

Conclusion

There are many factors for maintaining a secure Mo 99 supply chain that will ensure patients can get the scans they need. Redundant global networks offer additional stability to the supply chain over single-stream domestic production. Intuitive Mo 99/Tc 99m generator systems that require less time and user intervention lead to procedural efficiencies for the pharmacies. Mitigating risks and responsibilities of radioactive waste and proper disposal helps to alleviate workflow burden in the nuclear pharmacy. Finally, as a fundamental part of nuclear pharmacies, Mo 99/Tc 99m generators must consistently prioritize the end-user experience.

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Please see accompanying full [Prescribing Information](https://www.curiumpharma.com/product/us-ultra-technekow-v4/) or at <https://www.curiumpharma.com/product/us-ultra-technekow-v4/>.

Xenon Xe 133 Gas Indication and Important Risk Information

Indication & Usage

Xenon Xe 133 Gas has been shown to be valuable for diagnostic inhalation studies for the evaluation of pulmonary function, for imaging the lungs and may also be applied to assessment of cerebral blood flow.

Important risk information

Warnings and precautions

- Xenon Xe 133 Gas delivery systems, i.e., respirators or spirometers, and associated tubing assemblies must be leakproof to avoid loss of radioactivity into the laboratory environs not specifically protected by exhaust systems.
- Xenon Xe 133 Gas adheres to some plastics and rubber and should not be allowed to stand in tubing or respirator containers. Loss of radioactivity due to such adherence may render the study nondiagnostic.
- Xenon Xe 133 Gas as well as other radioactive drugs, must be handled with care and appropriate safety measures should be used to minimize radiation exposure to clinical personnel. Also, care should be taken to minimize radiation exposure to the patients consistent with proper patient management.
- Exhaled Xenon Xe 133 Gas should be controlled in a manner that is in compliance with the appropriate regulations of the government agency authorized to license the use of radionuclides.
- Radiopharmaceuticals should be used only by physicians who are qualified by training and experience in the safe use and handling of radionuclides.
- Transfer the appropriate Xenon Xe 133 Gas dose from the Xenon Xe 133 Gas unit dose vial(s) to a breathing device or spirometer utilizing the Xenotron™ I Xenon Gas Dispenser. Follow the directions for use that are provided with the Xenotron I Xenon Gas Dispenser.

Adverse reactions

- Adverse reactions specifically attributable to Xenon Xe 133 Gas have not been reported.

Use in specific populations

- Pregnancy Category C. Xenon Xe 133 Gas should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.
- Breastfeeding: It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when Xenon Xe 133 Gas is administered to a nursing woman.
- Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

Please see accompanying full [Prescribing Information](https://www.curiumpharma.com/product/xenon-xe-133-gas/) or at <https://www.curiumpharma.com/product/xenon-xe-133-gas/>.

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Xenon Xe 133 Gas

Rx only

Diagnostic

DESCRIPTION

Xenon Xe 133 Gas is for diagnostic inhalation use only. It is supplied in vials containing either 370 or 740 megabecquerels (10 or 20 millicuries) of Xenon Xe 133 Gas in 2 milliliters of carrier xenon and atmospheric air.

Xenon Xe 133 Gas is chemically and physiologically similar to elemental xenon, a non-radioactive gas which is physiologically inert except for anesthetic properties at high doses.

Xenon Xe 133 is produced by fission of Uranium U 235. At the time of calibration, it contains no more than 0.3% Xenon Xe 133m, no more than 1.5% Xenon Xe 131m, no more than 0.06% Krypton Kr 85 and no more than 0.01% Iodine I 131, with no less than 99.9% total radioactivity as radioxenon. Table 1 shows the effect of time on radionuclidic composition.

Table 1. Radionuclidic Composition

Percent of Total Radioactivity					
Days	% Xe-133	% Xe-133m	% Xe-131m	% Kr-85	% I-131
-5	>98.3	<0.6	<1.0	<0.03	<0.01
0*	>98.1	<0.3	<1.5	<0.06	<0.01
7	>97.2	<0.08	<2.5	<0.15	<0.02
14**	>95.7	<0.02	<4.1	<0.37	<0.02

*Calibration Date

**Expiration Date

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Xenon Xe 133 decays by beta and gamma emissions with a physical half-life of 5.245 days.¹ Photons that are useful for detection and imaging studies as well as the principal beta emission are listed in Table 2.

Table 2. Principal Radiation Emission Data

Radiation	Mean % Per Disintegration	Energy (keV)
Beta-2	99.3	100.6 Avg.
Gamma-2	36.5	81.0
K alpha x-rays	38.9	30.8 Avg.
K beta x-rays	9.1	35.0 Avg.

EXTERNAL RADIATION

The specific gamma ray constant for Xenon Xe 133 is 0.51 R/hr-mCi at 1 cm. The first half-value thickness is 0.0035 cm of Pb.

A range of values for the relative attenuation of the radiation emitted by this radionuclide that results from interposition of various thicknesses of Pb is shown in Table 3. For example, the use of 0.2 cm of Pb will decrease the external radiation exposure by a factor of about 1000.

Table 3. Radiation Attenuation by Lead Shielding

Shield Thickness (Pb), cm	Coefficient of Attenuation
0.0035	0.5
0.037	10 ⁻¹
0.12	10 ⁻²
0.20	10 ⁻³
0.29	10 ⁻⁴

To correct for physical decay of this radionuclide, the fractions that remain at selected time intervals after the date of calibration are shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Physical Decay Chart; Xenon Xe 133, Half-life 5.245 Days

Days	Fraction Remaining	Days	Fraction Remaining
0*	1.000	8	0.347
1	0.876	9	0.304
2	0.768	10	0.267
3	0.673	11	0.234
4	0.589	12	0.205
5	0.516	13	0.179
6	0.453	14	0.157
7	0.397		

*Calibration Day

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Xenon Xe 133 is a readily diffusible gas which is neither utilized nor produced by the body. It passes through cell membranes, freely exchanges between blood and tissue, and tends to concentrate more in body fat than in blood, plasma, water or protein solutions. In the concentrations recommended for diagnostic studies, it is physiologically inactive. Inhaled Xenon Xe 133 Gas will enter the alveolar wall and the pulmonary venous circulation via capillaries. Most of the Xenon Xe 133 Gas that enters the circulation from a single breath is returned to the lungs and exhaled after a single pass through the peripheral circulation.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Xenon Xe 133 Gas has been shown to be valuable for diagnostic inhalation studies for the evaluation of pulmonary function, for imaging the lungs and may also be applied to assessment of cerebral blood flow.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None known.

WARNINGS

Xenon Xe 133 Gas delivery systems, i.e., respirators or spirometers, and associated tubing assemblies must be leakproof to avoid loss of radioactivity into the laboratory environs not specifically protected by exhaust systems.

Xenon Xe 133 Gas adheres to some plastics and rubber and should not be allowed to stand in tubing or respirator containers. Loss of radioactivity due to such adherence may render the study nondiagnostic.

PRECAUTIONS

General

Xenon Xe 133 Gas as well as other radioactive drugs, must be handled with care and appropriate safety measures should be used to minimize radiation exposure to clinical personnel. Also, care should be taken to minimize radiation exposure to the patients consistent with proper patient management.

Exhaled Xenon Xe 133 Gas should be controlled in a manner that is in compliance with the appropriate regulations of the government agency authorized to license the use of radionuclides.

Radiopharmaceuticals should be used only by physicians who are qualified by training and experience in the safe use and handling of radionuclides and whose experience and training have been approved by the appropriate government agency authorized to license the use of radionuclides.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No long-term animal studies have been performed to evaluate carcinogenic potential, mutagenic potential or whether this drug affects fertility in males or females.

Pregnancy Category C

Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Xenon Xe 133 Gas. It is also not known whether Xenon Xe 133 Gas can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Xenon Xe 133 Gas should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

Ideally, all examinations that use radiopharmaceuticals, especially those elective in nature, of a woman of childbearing capability should be performed during the first few (approximately 10) days following the onset of menses.

Nursing Mothers

It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when Xenon Xe 133 Gas is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reactions specifically attributable to Xenon Xe 133 Gas have not been reported.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Xenon Xe 133 Gas is administered by inhalation from a closed respirator system or spirometer. The final patient dose should be measured by a suitable radioactivity calibration system immediately prior to administration.

The recommended activity range employed for inhalation by the average patient (70 kg) is:

Pulmonary function including imaging: 74 to 1110 megabecquerels (2 to 30 millicuries)

Cerebral blood flow: 370 to 1110 megabecquerels (10 to 30 millicuries)

This may be administered as a bolus into the tubing near the patient's mouthpiece or mask after the completion of a tidal exhalation, or by rebreathing for a period of approximately 5 minutes of the Xenon Xe 133 gas in equilibrium with the air contained in the closed system at concentrations of the radionuclide that may vary from 37 to 222 megabecquerels (1.0 to 6.0 millicuries) per liter.

RADIATION DOSIMETRY

The estimated absorbed radiation doses to an average patient (70 kg) for inhalation studies from a maximum dose of Xenon Xe 133 gas in 5, 7.5 and 10 liters are shown in Table 5. The values are the maximum absorbed dose that could be anticipated under the given conditions.

Table 5. Radiation Dose Estimates of Xenon Xe 133²: Absorbed Dose per 1110 megabecquerels (30 millicuries) of Xenon Xe 133 Gas Administered by Inhalation

Tissue	Spirometer Volume (liters)			Absorbed Radiation Doses			
	5	7.5	10	mGy	Rad	mGy	Rad
	Lung	3.3	0.33	2.46	0.246	1.95	0.195
Red Marrow	0.45	0.045	0.36	0.036	0.27	0.027	
Ovaries	0.39	0.039	0.30	0.030	0.24	0.024	
Testes	0.36	0.036	0.27	0.027	0.21	0.021	
Total Body	0.42	0.042	0.33	0.033	0.27	0.027	

DIRECTIONS FOR DISPENSING

Transfer the appropriate Xenon Xe 133 Gas dose from the Xenon Xe 133 Gas unit dose vial(s) to a breathing device or spirometer utilizing the Xenotron™ I Xenon Gas Dispenser. Follow the directions for use that are provided with the Xenotron™ I Xenon Gas Dispenser.

Xenon Xe 133 Gas should not be used after 14 days from the date of calibration stated on the label.

ACTIVITY MEASUREMENTS

Calibrate a suitable commercial ionization chamber dose calibrator according to the

² Atkins, Harold L., et al., Estimates of Radiation Absorbed Doses from Radioxenons in Lung Imaging. Task Group of the Medical Internal Radiation Dose Committee, Society of Nuclear Medicine, J. Nucl. Med., 21:459-465, 1980.

¹ Kocher, David C., "Radioactive Decay Data Tables," DOE/TIC-11026, 138 (1981).

manufacturer's instructions for that particular instrument. An instrument that gives direct radioactivity readouts is recommended.

Use a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Xenon Xe 133 standard for the initial calibration. Also establish a secondary standard, such as Americium Am 241, at that time for subsequent routine use. Other suitable radionuclides may also be used. Determine the effective readout of the secondary standard compared to the Xenon Xe 133 standard over the range of activities expected for routine measurements. Determine the radioactivities of the dose for administration as follows:

1. Check the dose calibrator for proper response with the secondary standard.
2. Insert the Xenon Xe 133 Gas unit dose vial in the dose calibrator and measure the apparent radioactivity of the Xenon Xe 133.
3. Correct for decay as necessary.

The radioactivity determined by this method is within 25% of the true value. This degree of accuracy includes variations attributed to small differences in geometry and radiation attenuation between the NIST standard ampule and the Xenon Xe 133 Gas unit dose vial.

HOW SUPPLIED

Xenon Xe 133 Gas is available in 2 milliliter vials with color-coded labels in 370 megabecquerel (10 millicurie; Catalog No. 097) and 740 megabecquerel (20 millicurie; Catalog No. 098) sizes. Both sizes are available in packages of 1, 3 and 5 vials, each with individual lead shielding.

STORAGE

Xenon Xe 133 Gas should be stored at controlled room temperature 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F). [See USP Controlled Room Temperature.]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved distribution of this radiopharmaceutical to persons licensed to use byproduct material listed in Sections 35.200 and to persons who hold an equivalent license issued by an Agreement State.

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