

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use **Thallous Chloride TI 201 Injection** safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for **Thallous Chloride TI 201 Injection**.

**Thallous Chloride TI 201 Injection**, *Diagnostic—For Intravenous Use*  
Initial U.S. approval: 1979

**RECENT MAJOR CHANGES**

- Dosage and Administration, Dosage (2.2) 11/2010
- Dosage and Administration, Radiation Dosimetry (2.4) 11/2010

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Thallium Chloride TI 201 Injection is a diagnostic radiopharmaceutical indicated for

- Myocardial perfusion imaging with planar scintigraphy or single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease by localization of:
  - Non-reversible defects (myocardial infarction)
  - Reversible defects (myocardial ischemia) when used in conjunction with exercise or pharmacologic stress.(1)
- Localization of sites of parathyroid hyperactivity pre- and post-operatively in patients with elevated serum calcium and parathyroid hormone levels. (1)

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Thallous chloride TI 201 Injection emits radiation and must be handled with appropriate safety measures. Measure patient dose by a suitable radioactivity calibration system immediately before administration.

- For myocardial imaging in adults:
  - Planar 37 to 74 MBq (1 to 2 mCi) (2.2)
  - SPECT 74 to 111 MBq (2 to 3 mCi) (2.2)
- For localization of parathyroid hyperactivity, planar or SPECT – imaging, 75 to 130 MBq (2 to 3.5 mCi) (2.2)

**DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

Thallous Chloride TI 201 is supplied in vials as a sterile, non-pyrogenic solution for intravenous administration containing the following strengths at calibration (3):

- 103.6 MBq (2.8 mCi)
- 207.2 MBq (5.6 mCi)
- 233.1 MBq (6.3 mCi)
- 366.3 MBq (9.9 mCi)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

None

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

- Anaphylactoid reactions (hypotension, pruritus, flushing, and diffuse rash) have been reported. (5.1)
- Induction of cardiovascular stress may be associated with myocardial infarction, arrhythmia, hypotension, bronchoconstriction, cerebrovascular events and other serious adverse events. (5.2)

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Serious adverse reactions associated with myocardial perfusion testing including myocardial infarction, arrhythmia, hypotension, bronchoconstriction, and cerebrovascular events have been reported in patients who have undergone stress testing. (6.1)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Mallinckrodt Inc. at 1-800-778-7898 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).**

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

Drugs that increase or decrease myocardial blood flow or potassium uptake might correspondingly alter the biodistribution of Thallium Chloride TI 201 (7).

**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

- Pregnancy: Administer only if clearly needed. (8.1)
- Nursing Mothers: Discontinue nursing or express and discard milk for a minimum of 2 weeks after administration. (8.3)
- Pediatrics: Safety and effectiveness have not been established in pediatric patients. (8.4)

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**FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

**1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

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- Myocardial perfusion imaging with planar scintigraphy or single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease by localization of:
  - Non-reversible defects (myocardial infarction) which may have prognostic value regarding survival.
  - Reversible defects (myocardial ischemia) when used in conjunction with exercise or pharmacologic stress.
- Localization of sites of parathyroid hyperactivity pre- and post-operatively in patients with elevated serum calcium and parathyroid hormone levels.

**2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**2.1 Radiation Safety**

Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection emits radiation and must be handled with appropriate safety measures and in accordance with the “as low as reasonably achievable” (ALARA) principle of radioactivity dosing.

Use the lowest dose of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection necessary to obtain the intended diagnostic image. Individualize the dose and consider factors such as body size, and the equipment and technique to be employed.

**2.2 Recommended Dose**

**Myocardial perfusion**

- Planar scintigraphy: 37 to 74 MBq (1 to 2 mCi) administered intravenously
- SPECT: 74 to 111 MBq (2 to 3 mCi) administered intravenously

**Parathyroid hyperactivity localization**

Planar or SPECT: 75 to 130 MBq (2 to 3.5 mCi) administered intravenously

**2.3 Drug Administration and Imaging**

For resting myocardial studies, begin imaging 10 to 20 minutes after injection of Thallous Chloride Tl-201. Myocardial-to-background ratios are improved when patients are injected upright and in the fasting state; the upright position reduces the hepatic and gastric Thallium Tl 201 concentration.

For exercise stress testing administer Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection at the start of a period of maximum stress which is sustained for approximately 30 seconds after injection. Begin imaging within ten minutes after administration to obtain maximum target-to-background ratios. Within two hours after the completion of the stress testing the target to background ratios may decrease in lesions that are attributable to transient ischemia.

For localization of parathyroid hyperactivity, administer Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection before, with or after a minimal dose of a thyroid imaging agent such as sodium pertechnetate Tc 99m or sodium iodide I 123 to enable thyroid subtraction imaging.

**2.4 Radiation Dosimetry**

The estimated absorbed radiation doses at calibration time to a 70 kg patient from an intravenous injection of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 are shown in Table 1. The estimates were calculated based on human data from Krahwinkel et al.<sup>1</sup> and Thomas et al.<sup>2</sup> Assumed percentages of 98.3% <sup>201</sup>Tl, 0.3% <sup>200</sup>Tl, 1.2% <sup>202</sup>Tl, and 0.2% <sup>203</sup>Pb. The effective dose was calculated using ICRP 103 tissue weighting factors and assumptions on the biodistribution data based on data from Krahwinkel et al. and Thomas et al.

**Table 1. Radiation Dose Estimates for Thallous Chloride Tl 201 (includes contaminants)**

Organ	Estimated Radiation Dose	
	mGy/MBq	rad/mCi
Adrenals	6.33E-02	2.34E-01
Brain	5.68E-02	2.10E-01
Breasts	3.39E-02	1.25E-01

GB Wall	8.31E-02	3.07E-01
LLI Wall	2.96E-01	1.09E+00
Small Intestine	3.79E-01	1.40E+00
Stomach	1.71E-01	6.34E-01
ULI Wall	2.97E-01	1.10E+00
Heart Wall	2.47E-01	9.14E-01
Kidneys	4.10E-01	1.52E+00
Liver	9.39E-02	3.47E-01
Lungs	4.73E-02	1.75E-01
Muscle	4.59E-02	1.70E-01
Ovaries	1.02E-01	3.76E-01
Pancreas	7.52E-02	2.78E-01
Red Marrow	4.44E-02	1.64E-01
Bone Surfaces	9.37E-02	3.47E-01
Skin	3.16E-02	1.17E-01
Spleen	1.66E-01	6.14E-01
Testes	2.09E-01	7.73E-01
Thymus	4.60E-02	1.70E-01
Thyroid	5.42E-01	2.00E+00
Urinary Bladder Wall	6.25E-02	2.31E-01
Uterus	8.63E-02	3.19E-01
Total Body	5.77E-02	2.14E-01
Effective Dose	0.145mSv/MBq	0.535rem/mCi

**2.5 Drug Handling**

- Do not use this drug after six (6) days from the calibration date, or nine (9) days from date of manufacture, whichever comes first.
- Limit the use of this drug, to physicians who are qualified by training and experience in the safe use and handling of radionuclides.
- Wear waterproof gloves during the handling procedures.
- Aseptically withdraw the material for use with a shielded sterile syringe.
- Measure the patient dose with a suitable radioactivity calibration system immediately prior to administration.
- Visually inspect the drug for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. Do not use if contents are turbid.
- Minimize radiation exposure to the patient and insure minimum radiation exposure to occupational workers.

**3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection is supplied as a sterile, non-pyrogenic solution for intravenous administration.

**Table 2. Strengths Available**

Total Radioactivity* per Vial (*At time of calibration)	
MBq	mCi
103.6	2.8
207.2	5.6
233.1	6.3
366.3	9.9

**4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

None.

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Anaphylactoid Reactions

Anaphylactoid reactions (hypotension, pruritus, flushing, and diffuse rash) have been reported.

### 5.2 Risks Associated with Stress Testing

Perform stress testing only under the supervision of a qualified physician and in a laboratory equipped with appropriate resuscitation and support equipment. Patients suspected or known to have myocardial infarction or ischemia, require continuous clinical monitoring and treatment in accordance with safe, accepted procedures.

Induction of cardiovascular stress might be associated with serious adverse events such as myocardial infarction, arrhythmia, hypotension or hypertension, ECG abnormalities, chest pain, bronchoconstriction, and cerebrovascular events. Perform pharmacologic stress when indicated and in accordance with the pharmacologic stress agent's prescribing information.

### 5.3 Radiation Risks

Thallous Chloride Tl 201 contributes to the cumulative radiation exposure. When considering administration of Thallous Chloride injection to women of child-bearing potential, consider the radiation risks for a fetus [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

Use the lowest dose necessary for imaging and ensure safe handling to protect the patient and health care worker [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)(2.5)*].

### 5.4 Risk of Extravasation

Inject Thallous Chloride Tl 201 strictly intravenously to avoid local tissue accumulation and irradiation.

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

### 6.1 Serious Reactions

#### • Anaphylactoid Reactions

Following the administration of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection, anaphylactoid reactions have been reported (characterized by cardiovascular, respiratory and cutaneous symptoms), some considered serious and severe enough to require treatment. Hypotension, pruritus, flushing, and diffuse rash which responds to antihistamines have been reported.

#### • Stress Testing

Serious reactions reported in patients who have undergone stress testing include myocardial infarction, arrhythmia, hypotension, bronchoconstriction, and cerebrovascular events [see *Warnings (5)*].

### 6.2 Common Reactions

The most frequently reported reactions were itching, nausea, vomiting, mild diarrhea, tremor, shortness of breath, chills, fever, conjunctivitis, sweating, and blurred vision.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Drugs that increase or decrease myocardial blood flow or potassium uptake might correspondingly alter the biodistribution of Thallium Chloride Tl 201.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy Category C

There are no adequate or well-controlled studies of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection use in pregnant women. Studies using human placentas demonstrate that Thallous Chloride Tl 201 crosses the placenta. Animal reproductive studies have not been conducted. Administer Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

### 8.3 Nursing Mothers

Thallous Chloride Tl 201 is excreted in human milk. Advise patients who continue to breastfeed to express and discard milk for a minimum of 2 weeks after administration of Thallous Chloride Tl 201. Minimize close contact with

infants if the administered dose would result in an effective dose greater than 1 mSv (0.1 rem) to the infant.

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection in pediatric patients have not been established.

### 8.6 Females of Reproductive Potential

Assess the pregnancy status of women of childbearing potential prior to performing imaging procedures with Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection. [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

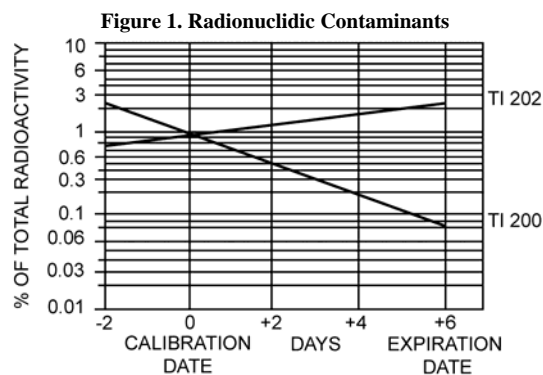
In the event of the administration of a radiation overdose with Thallous Chloride Tl 201, the absorbed dose to the patient should be reduced where possible by increasing the elimination of the radionuclide from the body by forced diuresis with frequent voiding and stimulation of the gastrointestinal passage.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

### 11.1 Chemical Characteristics

Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection is supplied in an isotonic solution as a sterile, non-pyrogenic diagnostic radiopharmaceutical for intravenous administration. Each milliliter contains 37 MBq (1 mCi) Thallous Chloride Tl 201 at calibration time, made isotonic with 9 milligrams sodium chloride and preserved with 0.9% (v/v) benzyl alcohol. The pH is adjusted to between 4.5 to 7.0 with hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide. Thallium Tl 201 is cyclotron produced. At the time of calibration it contains no more than 1.0% Thallium Tl 200, no more than 1.0% Thallium Tl 202, no more than 0.25% Lead Pb 203, and no less than 98% Thallium Tl 201 as a percentage of total activity. No carrier has been added.

It is recommended to administer Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection close to calibration time to minimize the effect of higher levels of radionuclidic contaminants present at pre- and post-calibration dates. The concentration of each radionuclidic contaminant changes with time. Figure 1 shows maximum concentration of each radionuclidic contaminant as a function of time.



### 11.2 Physical Characteristics

Thallium Tl 201, with a physical half-life of 72.9 hours, decays by electron capture to mercury Hg 201. Photons that are useful for detection and imaging are listed in Table 3. The lower energy x-rays obtained from the mercury Hg 201 daughter of thallium Tl 201 are recommended for myocardial imaging, because the mean percent disintegration at 68.9 to 80.3 keV is much greater than the combination of gamma-4 and gamma-6 mean percent disintegration.

**Table 3. Principal Radiation Emission Data**

Radiation	Mean Percent/ Disintegration	Energy (keV)
Gamma-4	2.7	135.3
Gamma-6	10.0	167.4
Mercury x-rays	94.4	68.9-80.3

From: Stabin MG, da Luz CQPL. New Decay Data for Internal and External Dose Assessment, 2002, *Health Phys.* 83(4): 471-475<sup>3</sup>

### 11.3 External Radiation

The specific gamma ray constant for thallium Tl 201 is 4.64 R/mCi-hr at 1 cm. The first half-value thickness of lead (Pb) is 0.0006 cm. A range of values for the radiation emitted by this radionuclide with the corresponding exposure rate at 1 cm that results from interposition of various thicknesses of lead is shown in Table 4. For example, the use of 0.21 cm of lead will decrease the external radiation exposure by a factor of about 1,000.

**Table 4. Radiation Attenuation by Lead Shielding**

cm of Lead (Pb)	Coefficient of Attenuation
0.0005	0.5
0.026	10 <sup>-1</sup>
0.081	10 <sup>-2</sup>
0.18	10 <sup>-3</sup>
0.31	10 <sup>-4</sup>

Data supplied by Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Radiopharmaceutical Internal Dose Information Center, Oak Ridge, TN, 1994. Includes 10 keV x-rays<sup>4</sup>.

To correct for physical decay of the radionuclide, the fractions that remain at selected intervals after calibration time are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5. Thallium Tl 201 Decay Chart; Half-Life 72.9 Hours**

Hours	Fraction Remaining	Hours	Fraction Remaining
0*	1.00	66	0.53
6	0.95	72	0.50
12	0.89	78	0.48
18	0.84	84	0.45
24	0.80	90	0.43
30	0.75	96	0.40
36	0.71	108	0.36
42	0.67	120	0.32
48	0.63	132	0.29
54	0.60	144	0.25
60	0.57		

\* Calibration Time

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Thallous Chloride Tl 201 with no carrier added accumulates in viable myocardium in a manner analogous to that of potassium. Experiments in human volunteers using labeled microspheres have shown that the myocardial distribution of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 correlates well with regional perfusion.

In clinical studies, Thallous Chloride Tl 201 images have been found to visualize areas of infarction as "cold" or nonlabeled regions which are confirmed by electrocardiographic and enzyme changes. Regions of transient myocardial ischemia corresponding to areas perfused by coronary arteries with partial stenoses have been visualized when Thallous Chloride Tl 201 was administered in conjunction with an exercise stress test. Anatomic configurations may interfere with visualization of the right coronary artery.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

After intravenous administration, Thallous Chloride Tl 201 clears rapidly from the blood with maximal concentration by normal myocardium occurring at about 10 minutes. It will, in addition, localize in parathyroid adenomas; it is

not specific since it will localize to a lesser extent in sites of parathyroid hyperplasia and other abnormal tissues such as thyroid adenoma, neoplasia (e.g., parathyroid carcinoma) and sarcoid. Biodistribution is generally proportional to organ blood flow at the time of injection. Blood clearance of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 is primarily by the myocardium, thyroid, liver, kidneys and stomach with the remainder distributing fairly uniformly throughout the body. The dosimetry data in Table 1 reflect this distribution pattern and are based on a biological half-life of 2.4 days. Thallous Chloride Tl 201 is excreted slowly and to an equal extent in both feces and urine.

Five minutes after intravenous administration only 5 to 8 percent of injected activity remained in the blood. A biexponential disappearance curve was obtained, with 91.5 percent of the blood radioactivity disappearing with a half-time of about 5 minutes. The remainder had a half-time of about 40 hours.

Approximately 4 to 8 percent of the injected dose was excreted in the urine in the first 24 hours. The whole body disappearance half-time was 9.8 ± 2.5 days. Kidney concentration was found to be about 3 percent of the injected activity and the testicular content was 0.15 percent. Net thyroid activity was determined to be only 0.2 percent of the injected dose, and the activity disappeared in 24 hours. From anterior and posterior whole-body scans, it was determined that about 45 percent of the injected dose was in the large intestines and contiguous structures (liver, kidneys, abdominal musculature).

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 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.

## 15 REFERENCES

<sup>1</sup>Krahwinkel W, Herzog H, Feinendegen LE. Pharmacokinetics of thallium-201 in normal individuals after routine myocardial scintigraphy. *J Nucl Med*, 1988; 29, 1582-1586.

<sup>2</sup>Thomas SR, Stabin MG, Castronovo FP. Radiation-absorbed dose from <sup>201</sup>Tl-thallous chloride. *J Nucl Med*, 2005; 46(3), 502-508.

<sup>3</sup>Stabin MG, da Luz CQPL. New Decay Data for Internal and External Dose Assessment, *Health Phys*, 2002; 83(4), 471-475.

<sup>4</sup>Data supplied by Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Radiopharmaceutical Internal Dose Information Center, Oak Ridge, TN, 1994.

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### 16.1 How Supplied

Thallous Chloride Tl 201 is supplied in a sterile, non-pyrogenic solution for intravenous administration (Table 6). Each mL contains 37 MBq (1 mCi) Thallous Chloride Tl 201 at calibration time, 9 mg sodium chloride and 0.9 percent (v/v) benzyl alcohol. The pH is adjusted to between 4.5 to 7.0 with hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide solution.

**Table 6. Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection**

NDC	Vial		
	Volume mL	Activity	
		megabecquerels	millicuries
0019-N120-28	2.8 mL	103.6	2.8
0019-N120-56	5.6 mL	207.2	5.6
0019-N120-63	6.3 mL	233.1	6.3
0019-N120-99	9.9 mL	366.3	9.9

### 16.2 Handling

The contents of the vial are radioactive. Adequate shielding and handling precautions must be maintained.

### 16.3 Storage and Disposal

Store this drug at controlled room temperature, 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F).

Storage and disposal of Thallous Chloride Tl 201 Injection should be controlled in a manner that is in compliance with the appropriate regulations of the government agency authorized to license the use of this radionuclide.

**17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

Advise patients to inform their physician or healthcare provider if they are pregnant or breast-feeding.

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