Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP

Lyophilized green powder containing 25 mg of indocyanine green, Intravenous Injection

Diagnostic Agent

PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is indicated for:

- determining cardiac output, hepatic function and liver blood flow
- ophthalmic angiography.

1.1 Pediatrics

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have been established. See **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION** for specific dosing information in pediatric patients.

1.2 Geriatrics

No overall differences in safety or effectiveness have been observed between elderly and younger patients.

2 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is contraindicated in patients who are hypersensitive to this drug or to any ingredient in the formulation, including any non-medicinal ingredient, or component of the container.

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP contains sodium iodide and should be used with caution in patients who have a history of allergy to iodides because of the risk of anaphylaxis. For a complete listing, see **DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING (Section 5)**.

3 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment

3.1.1 Indicator-Dilution Studies

In the performance of dye dilution curves, a known amount of dye is injected as a single bolus as rapidly as possible via a cardiac catheter into selected sites in the vascular system. A recording instrument (oximeter or densitometer) is attached to a needle or catheter for sampling of the dye-blood mixture from a systemic arterial sampling site.

Under sterile conditions, the Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP powder should be dissolved with the Sterile Water for Injection, USP provided for this product, and the solution used within 6 hours after it is prepared. If a precipitate is present, discard the solution.

The usual doses of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP for dilution curves are as follows:

Adults - 5.0 mg
Children - 2.5 mg
Infants - 1.25 mg

These doses of the dye are usually injected in 1 mL volume. An average of five dilution curves are recommended in the performance of a diagnostic cardiac catheterization. The total dose of dye injected should be kept below 2 mg/kg.

While sterile water for injection may be used to rinse the syringe, isotonic saline should be used to flush the residual dye from the cardiac catheter into the circulation so as to avoid hemolysis. With the exception of the rinsing of the dye injection syringe, saline should be used in all other parts of the catheterization procedure.

Calibrating Dye Curves: To quantitate the dilution curves, standard dilutions of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP in whole blood are made as follows. It is strongly recommended that the same dye that was used for the injections be used in the preparation of these standard dilutions. The most concentrated dye solution is made by accurately diluting 1 mL of the 5 mg/mL dye with 7 mL of distilled water. This concentration is then successively halved by diluting 4 mL of the previous concentration with 4 mL of distilled water.

If a 2.5 mg/mL concentration was used for the dilution curves, 1 mL of the 2.5 mg/mL dye is added to 3 mL of distilled water to make the most concentrated "standard" solution. This concentration is then successively halved by diluting 2 mL of the previous concentration with 2 mL of distilled water. Then 0.2 mL portions (accurately measured from a calibrated syringe) of these dye solutions are added to 5 mL aliquots of the subject's blood, giving final concentrations of the dye in blood beginning with 24.0 mg/liter, approximately (actual concentration depends on the exact volume of dye added). This concentration is, of course, successively halved in the succeeding aliquots of the subject's blood. These aliquots of blood containing known amounts of dye, as well as a blank sample to which 0.2 mL of saline containing no dye has been added, are then passed through the detecting instrument and a calibration curve is constructed from the deflections recorded.

3.1.2 Hepatic Function Studies

Due to its absorption spectrum, changing concentrations of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP in the blood can be monitored by ear densitometry or by obtaining blood specimens at timed intervals. The technique for both methods is as follows.

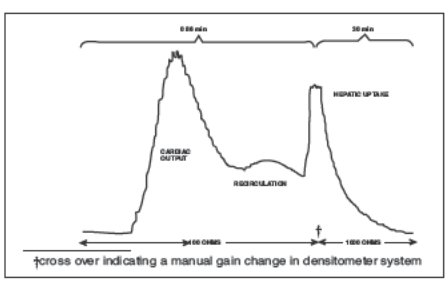
The patient should be studied in a fasting, basal state. The patient should be weighed and the dosage calculated on the basis of 0.5 mg/kg of body weight.

Under sterile conditions, the Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP powder should be dissolved with the Sterile Water for Injection, USP provided. Exactly 5 mL of Sterile Water for Injection, USP should be added to the 25 mg vial giving 5 mg of dye per mL of solution.

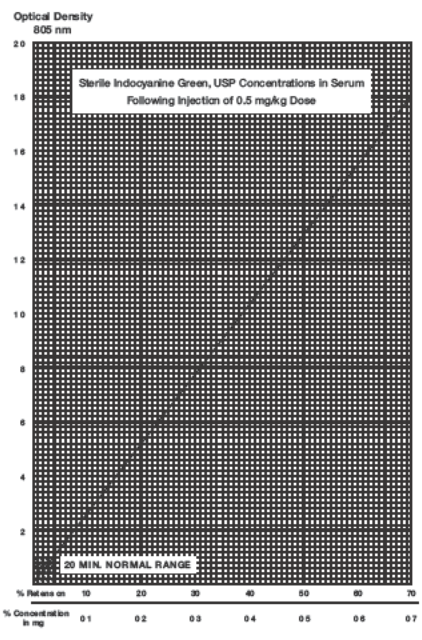
Inject the calculated amount of dye (0.5 mg/kg of body weight) into the lumen of an arm vein as rapidly as possible, without allowing the dye to escape outside the vein. *(If the photometric method is used, prior to injecting Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP, withdraw 6 mL of venous blood from the patient's arm for serum blank and standard curve construction, and through the same needle, inject the correct amount of dye.*).

Ear Densitometry: Ear oximetry has also been used and makes it possible to monitor the appearance and disappearance of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP without the necessity of withdrawal and spectrophotometric analysis of blood samples for calibration. An ear densitometer which has a compensatory photo-electric cell to correct for changes in blood volume and hematocrit, and a detection photo cell which registers levels should be used. This device permits simultaneous measurement of cardiac output, blood volume and hepatic clearance of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP*. This technique has been employed in newborn infants, healthy adults and in children and adults with liver disease. The normal subject has a removal rate of 18 to 24% per minute. Due to the absence of extra-hepatic removal, Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP was found to be suited for serial study of severe chronic liver disease and to provide a stable measurement of hepatic blood flow. In larger doses, Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP can be used in detecting drug-induced alterations of hepatic function and in the detection of mild liver injury.

Using the ear densitometer, a dosage of 0.5 mg/kg in normal subjects gives the following clearance pattern.



†cross over indicating a manual gain change in densitometer system



* Dichromatic earpiece densitometer supplied by The Waters Company, Rochester, Minnesota.

Photometric Method

Determination Using Percentage Retention of Dye:

A typical curve obtained by plotting dye concentration versus optical density is shown. The percent retention can be read from this plot. If more accurate results are desired, a curve using the patient's blood and the vial of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP being used in the determination can be constructed as follows:

1. Take 6 mL of non-dye-containing venous blood from the patient's arm. Place in a test tube and allow the blood to clot. The serum should be separated by centrifugation.
2. Pipette 1 mL of the serum into a microcuvette.
3. Add 1 lambda (λ) of the 5 mg/mL aqueous Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP (sterile indocyanine green) solution to the serum, giving a dilution of 5 mg/liter, the standard for 50% retention. (The addition of 2 lambda (λ) of the 5 mg/mL Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP solution would give 100% retention; however, this concentration cannot be read on the spectrophotometer.)
4. The optical density of this solution should be read at 805 nm, using normal serum as the blank.
5. Using graph paper similar to that used in the illustration, plot the 50% figure obtained in Step 4, and draw a line connecting this point with the zero coordinates.

Percentage Retention: A single 20-minute sample (withdrawn from a vein in the opposite arm to that injected) should be collected and allowed to clot, centrifuged and its optical density determined at 805 nm using the patient's normal serum as the blank. The dye concentration can be read from the curve above. A single 20-minute sample of serum in healthy subjects should contain no more than 4% of the initial concentration of the dye. The use of percentage retention is less accurate than percentage disappearance rate. Hemolysis is not expected to interfere with a reading.

Determination Using Disappearance Rate of Dye: To calculate the percentage disappearance rate, obtain samples at 5, 10, 15 and 20 minutes after injecting the dye. Prepare the sample as in the previous section and measure the optical densities at 805 nm, using the patient's normal serum as the blank. The Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP concentration in each timed specimen should be determined by using the concentration curve illustrated. Values should be plotted on semilogarithmic paper.

Specimens containing Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP should be read at the same temperature since its optical density is influenced by temperature variations.

Normal Values: Percentage disappearance rate in healthy subjects is 18 to 24% per minute. Normal biological half-time is 2.5 to 3.0 minutes.

3.1.3 Ophthalmic Angiography Studies

The excitation and emission spectra (Figure 1) and the absorption spectra (Figure 2) of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP make it useful in ophthalmic angiography.

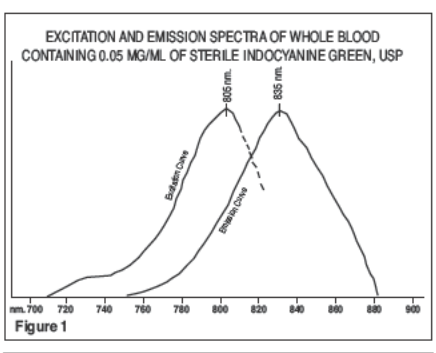


Figure 1

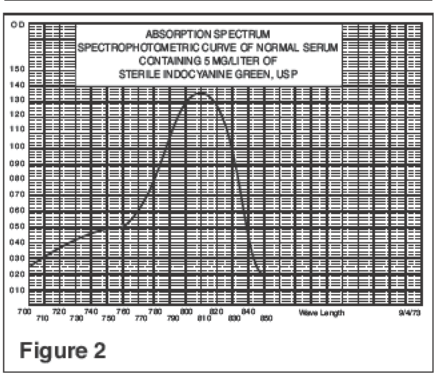


Figure 2

Dosages up to 40 mg Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP dye in 2 mL of Sterile Water for Injection, USP should be used, depending on the imaging equipment and technique used. The antecubital vein can be injected with an Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP dye bolus and should immediately be followed by a 5 mL bolus of normal saline.

4 OVERDOSAGE

There are no data available describing the signs, symptoms, or laboratory findings accompanying overdosage. The LD50 after intravenous administration ranges between 60 and 80 mg/kg in mice, 50 and 70 mg/kg in rats and 50 and 80 mg/kg in rabbits. Based on body surface area, these doses are 2.4 to 13-fold the maximum recommended human (MRHD) dose of 2 mg/kg for indicator-dilution studies, 10 to 52-fold the MRHD of 0.5 mg/kg for hepatic-function studies, and 7 to 39-fold the MRHD of 0.67 mg/kg for ophthalmic angiography studies.

For management of a suspected drug overdose, contact your regional poison control centre.

5 DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is a sterile, lyophilized green powder containing 25 mg of indocyanine green with no more than 5% sodium iodide.

6 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

6.1 Anaphylaxis

Deaths from anaphylaxis have been reported following Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP administration during cardiac catheterization.

6.2 Drug Instability

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is unstable in aqueous solution and must be used within 6 hours. However, the dye is stable in plasma and whole blood so that samples obtained in discontinuous sampling techniques may be read hours later. Sterile techniques should be used in handling the dye solution as well as in the performance of the dilution curves. If a precipitate is present, discard the solution.

6.3 Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions

Radioactive iodine uptake studies should not be performed for at least a week following the use of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP.

6.4 Special Populations

6.4.1 Pregnant Women

Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP. It is also not known whether Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly indicated.

6.4.2 Breast-feeding

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 Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is administered to a nursing woman.

6.4.3 Pediatrics

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have been established. See **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION (Section 3)** for specific dosing information in pediatric patients.

6.4.4 Geriatrics

No overall differences in safety or effectiveness have been observed between elderly and younger patients.

7 ADVERSE REACTIONS

7.1 Adverse Reaction Overview

Anaphylactic or urticarial reactions have been reported in patients with or without history of allergy to iodides. If such reactions occur, treat with the appropriate agents, e.g., epinephrine, antihistamines, and corticosteroids.

8 DRUG INTERACTIONS

8.1 Overview

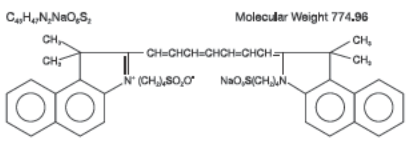
Preparations containing sodium bisulfite, including some heparin products reduce the absorption peak of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP in blood and, therefore, should not be used as an anticoagulant for the collection of samples for analysis.

9 ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is a sterile, lyophilized green powder containing 25 mg of indocyanine green with no more than 5% sodium iodide. It is packaged with Sterile Water for Injection, USP used to dissolve the indocyanine green. Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is to be administered intravenously.

Indocyanine green is a water soluble, tricarbocyanine dye with a peak spectral absorption at 800 nm. The chemical name for Indocyanine Green is 1 H-Benz[e]indolium, 2-[7-[1,3-dihydro-1,1-dimethyl-3-(4-sulfobutyl)-2H-benz[e]indol-2-ylidene]-1,3,5-heptatrienyl]-1,1-dimethyl-3-(4-sulfobutyl)-,hydroxide, inner salt, sodium salt. Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP has a pH of approximately 6.5 when reconstituted.

Each vial of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP contains 25 mg of indocyanine green as a sterile lyophilized powder.



Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP permits recording of the indicator-dilution curves for both diagnostic and research purposes independently of fluctuations in oxygen saturation. Following intravenous injection, Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is rapidly bound to plasma protein, of which albumin is the principle carrier (95%). Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP undergoes no significant extrahepatic or enterohepatic circulation; simultaneous arterial and venous blood estimations have shown negligible renal, peripheral, lung or cerebro-spinal uptake of the dye. Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is taken up from the plasma almost exclusively by the hepatic parenchymal cells and is secreted entirely into the bile. After biliary obstruction, the dye appears in the hepatic lymph, independently of the bile, suggesting that the biliary mucosa is sufficiently intact to prevent diffusion of the dye, though allowing diffusion of bilirubin. These characteristics make Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP a helpful index of hepatic function.

The peak absorption and emission of Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP lie in a region (800 to 850 nm) where transmission of energy by the pigment epithelium is more efficient than in the region of visible light energy. Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP also has the property of being nearly 98% bound to blood protein, and therefore, excessive dye extravasation does not take place in the highly fenestrated choroidal vasculature. It is, therefore, useful in both absorption and fluorescence infrared angiography of the choroidal vasculature when using appropriate filters and film in a fundus camera.

The plasma fractional disappearance rate at the recommended 0.5 mg/kg dose has been reported to be significantly greater in women than in men, although there was no significant difference in the calculated value for clearance.

10 STORAGE, STABILITY AND DISPOSAL

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP supplied in a kit containing six 25 mg Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP vials and six 10 mL Sterile Water for Injection, USP vials:

- Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP vial. 25 mg fill in 25 mL vial.
- Sterile Water for Injection, USP vial. 10 mL fill in 10 mL vial.

Store at 15° to 25°C.

11 SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

No special handling instructions.

READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

INDOCYANINE GREEN FOR INJECTION, USP

Read this carefully before you start taking Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP.

What is Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP used for?

- determining the amount of blood pumped by the heart, liver function, and liver blood flow
- imaging the blood vessels in the eye

How does Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP work?

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP is a fluorescent dye that lights up, when a certain light is shone on it. By giving you Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP, your doctor will be able to see inside your body using specialized imaging equipment.

What are the ingredients in Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP?

Medicinal ingredients: Indocyanine Green, Monosodium Salt, USP
Non-medicinal ingredients: Water for Injection, USP

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP comes in the following dosage forms:

Sterile Powder, 25 mg

Do not use Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP if:

- You are allergic to this medicine or any of its ingredients
- You have a history of allergy to iodides

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:

- Are pregnant or think that you may be pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed.

Other warnings you should know about:

Allergic reactions

Deaths from serious life-threatening allergic reactions have been reported following Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP administration during heart procedures.

Medical Tests

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP may interfere with certain test results for at least one week. Remind your healthcare professional that you were given Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP if you are given a medical test within this time.

Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.

The following may interact with Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP:

- Sodium bisulfite
- Heparin products

How to take Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP:

Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP will be prepared and given to you by your healthcare professional.

Usual dose:

Your doctor will determine how much Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP to give you. The usual doses are:
Adults – 5.0 mg
Children – 2.5 mg
Infants – 1.25 mg

Overdose:

If you think you have taken too much Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP, contact your healthcare professional, hospital emergency department or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

What are possible side effects from using Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP?

These are not all the possible side effects you may feel when taking Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP. If you experience any side effects not listed here, contact your healthcare professional.

Health Canada note: Please add a serious side effects box in this section as outlined in the 2016 Product Monograph template. In this box, include the following serious side effects:

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
Symptom / effect	Only if severe	In all cases	
Allergic Reaction Hives, Itchy skin, Rash, Swelling of the Face and Wheezing		X	

Reporting Side Effects

You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:

- Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting (http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/report-declaration/index-eng.php) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or
- Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.

NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

Storage:

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- Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP vial. 25 mg fill in 25 mL vial.
- Sterile Water for Injection, USP vial. 10 mL fill in 10 mL vial.

Store at 15° to 25°C.

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

If you want more information about Indocyanine Green for Injection, USP:

- Talk to your healthcare professional
- Find the full product monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes this Patient Medication Information by visiting the Health Canada website (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/index-eng.php); the importer's website <www.seaford.ca>, or by calling 1-888-292-3192.

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