

### Thyroid protection in case of <sup>131</sup>I-MIBG treatment

Your child will receive <sup>131</sup>I-MIBG treatment and must then take three medications in advance to protect the thyroid gland: levothyroxine, thiamazole, and potassium iodide.



### What does it look like and how is it given?

Levothyroxine (other names: Thyrax®, Euthyrox®) is a tablet taken orally,in the morning on an empty stomach. If you wish, you can dissolve the tablet in a glass with 10-15 ml of water or in a syringe (takes a little longer) and then administer it through the tube. It is advised not to overcrush the tablet, as the powder will stick.

- If your child receives continuous tube feeding, stop the tube feeding two hours before administering levothyroxine.
- If your child is only tube-fed at night administer the levothyroxine 6 hours after the tube feeding has stopped.

## When does your child take the medications?

1x daily for four weeks, starting on the day before administering the MIBG. The physician or nurse practitioner will tell you exactly when you can stop.

# Short-term adverse reactions (within 24 hours)

- Palpitations
- Headache
- Muscle
  weakness and
  cramps (if dose is
  too high)

#### What does it look like and how is it When does your **Short-term** given? child take the adverse medications? reactions (within 24 hours) 2x a day **Thiamazole** (other name: Strumazol®) Muscle pain is a tablet that is taken orally. for four weeks, Joint pain You may soak the tablet Skin rash starting crush it or dissolve it in water and Low white on the day before give it via a gavage. The bitter blood cells administering the taste can be masked if necessary MIBG. The doctor or (in case of hyper the nurse sensitivity) with lemonade or applesauce. practitioner will instruct you on when exactly to stop. Potassium lodide is a beverage that can 1x a day for two Itching weeks, starting ingested by mouth or given through the Redness on the day of, and Swelling gavage. preferably half an Skin rash hour before Shortness of administering breath the MIBG. Sometimes The doctor or the irritation and nurse practitioner inflammation of will instruct you on the eyes, nose when exactly to and oral cavity stop.

#### **Particulars**

Blood is taken regularly to check the function of the thyroid gland.

### **Special instructions**

• If, due to circumstances, you do not succeed in having your child take the medication in advance, please notify us when you come for the MIBG.

(in case of prolonged

use)

• If you have a fever or sore throat, please contact your doctor or nurse practitioner.

complete list, please ask the doctor, nurse or pharmacist.