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Reference: **Licensee:** Universal Imaging Inc. at Northwest X-Ray  
Clinic, 21500 West Eleven Mile Road, Southfield, MI,  
48076

The following is a synopsis of the events relating to the misadministration that occurred at the above-referenced location on March 18, 1996:

The dosage in the incident was not prescribed. The RSO, Dr. Wayburn, established the dosage which should have been given for this study.

200 uCi of Nal-131 was given to the patient. The patient should have received Nal-123. Technologist A states that she ordered the standard dosage of 200 uCi Nal-123 plus 100 uCi for this patient. Technologist A believes she ordered Nal-123 and would not have ordered Nal-131; however, Nal-131 was received by Technologist B on the day of the test. Technologist B assumed Technologist A had ordered Nal-131 for a reason and administered 200 uCi Nal-131 to the patient, even though this did not agree with the "Prescribed Dosage List". There was no effect on the patient that Universal Imaging is aware of.

Immediately after Universal Imaging became aware of the misadministration, the technologist was instructed not to use any radiopharmaceutical that is not on the "Prescribed Dosage List", and never to proceed with any procedure that she is not sure of.

The following steps have been implemented to prevent a recurrence:

1. All technologists have been informed in writing not to use any radiopharmaceutical not listed on the "Prescribed Dosage List".
2. Orders are now sent via facsimile to the radiopharmacy, rather than ordered over the telephone.
3. The radiopharmacy has been instructed not to deliver Nal-131, Nal-125, or any therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals. (Please refer to Attachment A.)

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4. All technologists have been informed in writing not to proceed if they are unsure of any procedure. (Please refer to *Attachment B*.)
5. Copies of actual activity and radionuclides ordered are checked against receipts.

As per the referring physician's instructions, the patient in the above incident was not notified.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Lauhoff

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