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Subject: Temporary importation of Iomeron $^{\circledR}$ (iomeprol injection) to address drug shortage issues

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Due to the current critical shortages of Omnipaque™ (iohexol injection), Visipaque™ (iodixanol injection), and Ultravist (iopromide injection) in the U.S. market, Bracco Diagnostics Inc. (hereafter "Bracco") is coordinating with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to increase the availability of iodinated contrast media indicated for intravascular use.

Accordingly, Bracco has initiated temporary importation of Iomeron[®] (iomeprol injection), an intravascular iodinated contrast medium, into the U.S. market. This product will be used in adult patients by intravenous or intraarterial route of administration only during the shortage. FDA has not approved Iomeron (iomeprol). Iomeron (iomeprol) drug product is manufactured by BIPSO GmbH in Germany and Patheon Italia S.p.A. in Italy. These facilities are also used to manufacture Bracco's FDA-approved intravascular iodinated contrast medium Isovue (iopamidol injection).

FDA's regulatory discretion for the importation and distribution of Iomeron (iomeprol) is limited to Bracco during the critical U.S. shortages of Omnipaque, Visipaque, and Ultravist.

Effective immediately, and during this temporary period, Bracco will offer the following presentations of Iomeron (iomeprol) to the U.S. market:

Product Description	Iodine Concentration (mg iodine/mL)	Package Size		Label Language	NDC Number	UK SmPC
lomeron (iomeprol injection) 250	250	56 X 100 mL	2C42685	French	0270- 7250-10	lomeron 300 UK SmPC SD
lomeron (iomeprol injection) 300	300	56 X 100 mL	2C43416 KP1552A	French	0270- 7300-10	Iomeron 300 UK SmPC SD
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(iomeprol injection) 300	300	mL	KP2701F	English	7300-20	SmPC SD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 300	300	6 X 500 mL	KP2804A	Spanish	0270- 9300-06	Iomeron 300 UK SmPC MD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 350	350	56 X 100 mL	LP1566C	Russian	0270- 7350-10	lomeron 350 UK SmPC SD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 350	350	30 X 150 mL	2C42507	French	0270- 7350-15	Iomeron 350 UK SmPC SD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 350	350	10 X 200 mL	LP2705A	English	0270- 7350-20	Iomeron 350 UK SmPC SD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 350	350	6 X 500 mL	LP2807A	Spanish	0270- 9350-06	Iomeron 350 UK SmPC MD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 350	350	9 X 500 mL	LP2810B	English	0270- 9350-09	Iomeron 350 UK SmPC MD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 400	400	56 X 100 mL	MP1577A	Russian	0270- 7400-13	Iomeron 400 UK SmPC SD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 400	400	10 X 100 mL	MP2561C	Portuguese	0270- 7400-10	Iomeron 400 UK SmPC SD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 400	400	56 X 100 mL	MP2556A	Polish	0270- 7400-16	Iomeron 400 UK SmPC SD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 400	400	30 X 200 mL	MP2702C	Slovenian	0270- 7400-20	Iomeron 400 UK SmPC SD
Iomeron (iomeprol injection) 400	400	9 X 500 mL	MP2807C	English	0270- 9400-01	Iomeron 400 UK SmPC MD
Iomeron (iomeprol	400	6 X 500	MP2806A	English	0270-	Iomeron 400 UK

injection) 400		IIIL			9400-00	MD
lomeron (iomeprol injection) 400	400	9 X 500 mL	MP2807A	Portuguese		Iomeron 400 UK SmPC MD

The imported Iomeron (iomeprol) was originally labelled for use in countries outside the United States. The bottle and box labels will display the text used when marketing Iomeron (iomeprol) in those countries. Note that:

- The prescribing information will be provided with each bottle of Iomeron (iomeprol), in the form of the appropriate Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) document approved for the U.K., which is written in English, and is representative of all Iomeron (iomeprol) SmPCs for that presentation.
- Copies of the U.K. SmPCs accompany this letter, along with images of the U.K. bottle and box labels that will be imported.
- The Iomeron (iomeprol) U.K. SmPCs are available on-line at: https://imaging.bracco.com/us-en/products/ct-ct-colonography/iomeron
- For those bottles and box labels not in English, English translations of these labels are available on-line at: https://imaging.bracco.com/us-en/products/ct-ct-colonography/iomeron

There are differences among the currently marketed nonionic, low-osmolar iodinated contrast media in their physico-chemical properties, as can be seen in the below table that compares them at the concentration of 300 mg iodine/mL (except for Visipaque, for which the nearest concentration is 320 mg iodine/mL):

Table of Physico-chemical Properties of Iomeron (iomeprol) vs. Comparable
U.S. Marketed Products (using a concentration of 300 mg iodine/mL or
nearest equivalent)

	Viscosity	(CP)	Osmolality (mOsm/kg water)	Density	рН
Product	20°C	37°C	37°C	37°C	
lomeron (iomeprol injection) 300	8.1	4.5	521	1.334	6.5 – 7.2
lomeron (iomeprol injection) 300	8.8	4.7	616	1.339	6.5 - 7.5
Omnipaque (iohexol injection) 300	11.8	6.3	672	1.349	6.8 - 7.7
Optiray (ioversol injection) 300	8.2 (25°C)	5.5	651	1.352	6.0 - 7.4
Visipaque (iodixanol injection) 320	26.6	11.8	290	1.356	6.8 – 7.7
Ultravist (iopromide injection) 300	9.2	4.9	607	1.322	6.5 – 8.0

Iomeron multi-dose container's administration:

The 500 mL presentations of Iomeron are multi-dose containers. The U.K. SmPC states that the Iomeron multi-dose bottle stopper should be pierced only once, and that proper

withdrawal cannulas for piercing the stopper and drawing up the contrast medium should be used. For those injectors in which the Iomeron container would be directly inserted (i.e., there would be no use of a transfer set), the injector manufacturer's procedures for insertion should be followed, keeping in mind that the bottle stopper should be pierced only once.

Microbial contamination studies were performed where Iomeron solutions in multi-dose containers were inoculated with micro-organisms. These studies demonstrated that Iomeron solutions are bacteriostatic, with microbial growth not observed over the 10-hour period of the studies. Based upon these studies, when the 500 mL multi-dose container is used to draw up or administer separate doses of Iomeron, any unused product remaining in the bottle after 10 hours from the stopper being pierced must be discarded.

Please see Appendix 1 of this letter for tables showing the differences among the FDA-approved intra-arterial and intravenous indications for Omnipaque (iohexol), Visipaque (iodixanol), Ultravist (iopromide) and Isovue (iopamidol) vs. the intra-arterial and intravenous indications for Iomeron (iomeprol) approved in the U.K.

Iomeron (iomeprol) will be available only by prescription in the U.S. However, the imported lots do not have the statement "Rx only" on their labeling. Please refer to the Iomeron (iomeprol) U.K. SmPC for the product's full prescribing information. In addition, please note the following comments and recommendations:

- There are differences between indications for Iomeron (iomeprol) approved in the U.K. and approved indications for iodinated contrast media (ICM) in the US. Tables comparing indications for selected FDA approved ICM and Iomeron (iomeprol) are provided in Appendix 1.
- We recommend that imported Iomeron (iomeprol) be administered only by intravenous and intra-arterial routes.
- We recommend that imported Iomeron (iomeprol) be used only in adult patients. Iomeron (iomeprol) adult dosing per the U.K. SmPC is provided in Appendix 2.
- Obtain a history of allergy, hypersensitivity, or hypersensitivity reactions to iodinated contrast agents and always have emergency resuscitation equipment and trained personnel available prior to Iomeron administration. Monitor all patients for hypersensitivity reactions.
- Use the lowest necessary dose of Iomeron (iomeprol) in patients with renal impairment or with congestive heart failure.
- Avoid angiocardiography whenever possible in patients with homocystinuria because of the risk of inducing thrombosis and embolism.
- Thyroid storm has occurred after the intravascular use of iodinated contrast agents in patients with hyperthyroidism, or with an autonomously functioning thyroid nodule. Evaluate the risk in such patients before use of any iodinated contrast agent.
- Administer iodinated contrast agents with extreme caution in patients with known or suspected pheochromocytoma. Inject the minimum amount of contrast necessary, assess the blood pressure throughout the procedure, and have measures for treatment of a hypertensive crisis readily available.
- Severe cutaneous adverse reaction severity may increase and time to onset may decrease with repeat administration of contrast agents; prophylactic medications may not prevent or mitigate severe cutaneous adverse reactions. Avoid administering

lomeron to patients with a history of a severe cutaneous adverse reaction to lomeron.

- Stop metformin at the time of, or prior to, Iomeron (Iomeron) administration in patients with an eGFR between 30 and 60 mL/min/1.73 m2; in patients with a history of hepatic impairment, alcoholism or heart failure; or in patients who will be administered intra-arterial iodinated contrast. Re-evaluate eGFR 48 hours after the imaging procedure and reinstitute metformin only after renal function is stable.
- Administration of iodinated contrast agents may interfere with thyroid uptake of radioactive iodine (I-131 and I-123) and decrease therapeutic and diagnostic efficacy in patients with carcinoma of the thyroid. The decrease in efficacy lasts for 6 to 8 weeks.
- Renal toxicity has been reported in a few patients with liver dysfunction who were given an oral cholecystographic agent followed by intravascular iodinated contrast agents. Administration of any intravascular iodinated contrast agent should therefore be postponed in patients who have recently received a cholecystographic contrast agent.

The lomeron (iomeprol) barcode may not register accurately on U.S. barcode scanning systems. Institutions should manually input the product into their systems and confirm that their systems do not provide incorrect information when the product is scanned. Alternative procedures should be followed to assure that the correct drug product is being used and administered to individual patients.

To place an order for Iomeron (iomeprol), please contact Bracco Customer Service at 1-877-272-2269 or at Bracco.otc@diag.bracco.com. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM EDT, excluding holidays.

To report adverse events associated with the use of this product, please contact Bracco Drug Safety at 1-800-257-5181, option 1, or at adverse.events@diag.bracco.com.

To report quality problems, or if you have any questions about the information contained in this letter or the use of Iomeron (iomeprol), please contact Bracco Professional Services at 1-800-257-5181, option 2, or at services.professional@diag.bracco.com.

Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, by regular mail or by fax.

- Complete and submit the report **Online**: <u>www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm</u>
- Regular Mail or Fax: Download form www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form, or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178 (1-800-332-0178)

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

Iomeron (iomeprol) U.K. SmPCs Images of Iomeron (iomeprol) U.K. Bottle and Box Labels

Appendix 1. Comparisons of approved uses for iodinated contrast media in shortage and those manufactured by Bracco.

Table of Approved Intra-arterial Uses for Iodinated Contrast Media in Shortage, and for Those Manufactured by Bracco					
POPULATION/ INDICATION	OMNIPAQUE (iohexol) mg iodine/mL	-	(iopromide) mg		IOMERON* (iomeprol) mg iodine/mL
ADULTS					
Intra-arterial digital subtraction angiography	140	270, 320			250, 300
Aortography	300, 350		370		350, 400
Angiocardiography	350	320	370	370	300, 350, 400
Visceral arteriography	300, 350	320	370	370	300, 350, 400
Cerebral arteriography	300	320	300	300	250, 300
Peripheral arteriography	300, 350	320	300	300	300, 350, 400
*Approved uses for Ion	neron (iomepr	ol) are from t	he U.K.		

Table of Approved Intravenous Uses for Iodinated Contrast Media in Shortage, and for Those Manufactured by Bracco						
POPULATION/ INDICATION	OMNIPAQUE (iohexol) mg iodine/mL	•	(iopromide) mg		IOMERON* (iomeprol) mg iodine/mL	
ADULTS						
CT head	240, 300, 350	270, 320	300, 370	250, 300	250, 300, 350	
CT body	300, 350	270, 320	300, 370	250, 300	250, 300, 350, 400	
Intravenous digital subtraction angiography	350				250, 300, 350, 400	
Peripheral venography	240, 300	270		200	250, 300, 350	

Excretory urography	300, 350	270, 320	300	250, 300, 370	250, 300, 350, 400
*Approved uses for Iomeron (iomeprol) are from the U.K.					

Appendix 2. Iomeron (iomeprol injection) adult dosing recommendations per U.K. Summary of Product Characteristics.

Table of adult dosing recommendations for Iomeron 250 single dose						
(* Repeat as	(* Repeat as necessary)					
Venography	10 - 100 mL*					
	maximum 250 mL					
	10 - 50 mL upper extremity					
	50 - 100 mL lower extremity					
Cerebral arteriography	5 - 12 mL*					
Digital subtraction angiography						
Intra arterial						
visceral	2 – 20 mL per artery*					
	aorta 25-50 mL*					
	both 250 mL maximum					
peripheral	5 – 10 mL per artery*					
	maximum 250 mL					
Intravenous	30 - 60 mL*					
	maximum 250 mL					
Computed tomography						
brain	50 – 150 mL					
body	40 - 150 mL					
	maximum 250 mL					
Urography intravenous	50 - 150 mL					

Table of adult dosing recommendations for Iomeron 300 single dose				
(* Repeat as	necessary)			
Peripheral arteriography	10 - 90 mL*			
Venography	10 - 100 mL*			
	maximum 250 mL			
	10 – 50 mL upper extremity			
	50 - 100 mL lower extremity			
Angiocardiography and left	30 – 80 mL			
ventriculography	maximum 250 mL			
Cerebral arteriography	5 – 12 mL*			
Visceral arteriography	5 – 50 mL* or according to			
	type of examination;			
	maximum 250 mL			
Digital subtraction angiography				

Intra arterial	
visceral	2 – 20 mL per artery*
	aorta 25-50 mL* both 250 mL maximum
peripheral	5 – 10 mL per artery*
	maximum 250 mL
Intravenous	30 - 60 mL*
	maximum 250 mL
Computed tomography	
brain	50 – 150 mL
body	40 – 150 mL
	maximum 250 mL
Urography intravenous	50 – 150 mL

Table of adult dosing recommendations for Iomeron 300 multidose (* Repeat as necessary)		
Computed tomography		
brain	50 – 150 mL	
body	40 – 150 mL	
	maximum 250 mL	

Table of adult dosing recommendations for Iomeron 350 single dose			
(* Repeat as			
Peripheral arteriography	10 - 90 mL*		
Venography	10 - 100 mL*		
	maximum 250 mL		
	10 - 50 mL upper extremity		
	50 - 100 mL lower extremity		
Aortography	50 – 80 mL		
Angiocardiography and left	30 - 80 mL		
ventriculography	maximum 250 mL		
Coronary arteriography	4 - 10 mL per artery*		
Visceral arteriography	5 – 50 mL* or according to		
	type of examination;		
	maximum 250 mL		
Intravenous digital subtraction	30 - 60 mL*		
angiography	maximum 250 mL		
Computed tomography			
brain	50 – 150 mL		
body	40 - 150 mL		
	maximum 250 mL		
Urography intravenous	50 - 150 mL		

Table of adult dosing recommendations for Iomeron 350 multidose (* Repeat as necessary)			
Computed tomography			
brain	50 - 150 ml		
body	40 - 150 ml		
	maximum 250 mL		

Table of adult dosing recommendations for Iomeron 400 single dose			
(* Repeat as	necessary)		
Peripheral arteriography	10 – 90 mL*		
Aortography	50 – 80 mL		
Angiocardiography and left	30 – 80 mL		
ventriculography	maximum 250 mL		
Coronary arteriography	4 – 10 mL per artery*		
Visceral arteriography	5 – 50 mL* or according to		
	type of examination		
Intravenous digital subtraction	30 - 60 mL*		
angiography	maximum 250 mL		
Computed tomography of the	40 - 150 mL		
body	maximum 250 mL		
Urography intravenous	50 – 150 mL		

Table of adult dosing recommendations for Iomeron 400 multidose			
(* Repeat as necessary)			
Computed tomography of the	40 – 150 mL		
body	maximum 250 mL		

UK Iomeron Vial and Carton Labels

Product Description	lodine Concentration (mg iodine/mL)	Fill Volume	Vial Label	Carton Label
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1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Iomeron 250, solution for injection

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Contains 51.03% w/v of iomeprol equivalent to 25% iodine or 250mg iodine/ml.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

X-ray contrast medium used for:

- venography
- cerebral arteriography
- digital subtraction angiography
- computed tomography enhancement
- urography
- cavernosography
- myelography

4.2 Posology and method of administration

venography	adults	10 - 100ml* max 250ml 10 - 50ml upper extremity 50 - 100 lower extremity
cerebral arteriography	adults children	5 - 12ml* 3 - 7ml or * *
digital subtraction angiography Intra arterial	criidi cii	3 71111 01
visceral	adults	2 - 20ml per artery* aorta 25-50ml* both 250ml max
peripheral	adults	5 - 10ml per artery* max 250ml
intravenous	adults	30 - 60ml* max 250ml
computed tomography		
brain	adults children	50 - 150 * *
body	adults	40 - 150ml max 250ml
	children	* *
urography intravenous	adults	50 - 150ml
	neonates	3 - 4.8ml/kg
	babies	2.5 - 4ml/kg
	children	1 - 2.5ml/kg or *
cavernosography	adults	40 - 250ml
myelography	adults	12 - 18ml
		by lumbar injection

^{*} Repeat as necessary

In elderly patients the lowest effective dose should be used.

Unless otherwise instructed by the doctor, a normal diet may be maintained on the day of the examination.

In myelography, lower doses may be used for lumbar or thoracic studies and higher doses for cervical or total columnar studies. Regardless of the nature of the myelographic study, Iomeron should be injected slowly over 1-2 minutes.

The X ray can be taken up to 60 minutes following injection. Post myelographic CT of the spinal column should be delayed for approximately four hours to allow dilution and clearance of excessive contrast.

4.3 Contraindications

^{* *} According to body size and age

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients. Intrathecal concomitant administration of corticosteroids with contrast media is contraindicated.

4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use

In consideration of possible complications, the patient should be kept under observation for at least 30 minutes after the examination.

Extreme caution during injection of contrast media is necessary to avoid extravasation.

Hydration

Patients must be well hydrated, and any relevant abnormalities of fluid or electrolyte balance should be corrected prior to and following contrast media injection. Especially patients with diabetes mellitus, polyuria, oligouria, hyperuricaemia, infants, small children, and elderly patients, should not be exposed to dehydration. Also patients with severely compromised hepatic and renal impairment are more at risk. Caution should be exercised in hydrating patients with underlying conditions that may be worsened by fluid overload, including congestive heart failure.

Rehydration prior to use of iomeprol is recommended in patients with sickle cell disease.

Special population

Hypersensitivity to iodinated contrast media, allergic predisposition

A positive history of allergy, asthma or untoward reaction during previous similar investigations indicates a need for extra caution since, as with other contrast media, this product may provoke anaphylaxis or other manifestations of allergy with nausea, vomiting, dyspnoea, erythema, urticaria and hypotension. The benefits should clearly outweigh the risks in such patients and appropriate resuscitative measures should be immediately available. The primary treatments are as follows:

Effect	Major Symptoms	Primary Treatment
Vasomotor effect	warmth nausea/vomiting	reassurance
Cutaneous	scattered hives severe urticaria	H ₁ -antihistamines H ₂ -antihistamines
Bronchospastic	wheezing	oxygen Beta-2-agonist inhalers
Anaphylactoid reaction	angioedema urticaria bronchospasm hypotension	oxygen iv fluids adrenergics (iv epinephrine) Inhaled beta-2-adrenergics antihistamines (H ₁ -and H ₂ - blockers) corticosteroids
Hypotensive Vagal reaction	hypotension hypotension bradycardia	iv fluids iv fluids iv atropine

From: Bush WH; The Contrast Media Manual; Katzburg RW Ed.; Williams and Wilkins; Baltimore 1992; Chapter 2 p 23

The risk of bronchospasm-inducing reactions in asthmatic patients is higher after contrast media administration, especially in patients taking beta-blockers.

Hypersensitivity testing

In patients with suspected or known hypersensitivity to contrast media, sensitivity test doses are not recommended, as severe or fatal reactions to contrast media are not predictable from sensitivity test.

Myelomatosis or paraproteinaemias are conditions predisposing to renal impairment following CM administration. The benefits of the use of a contrast-enhanced procedure should be carefully weighted against the possible risk. Adequate hydration and monitoring of renal function are recommended after CM administration.

Cardiovascular diseases

Care should be taken in severe cardiac disease particularly heart failure and coronary artery disease. Reactions may include pulmonary oedema, haemodynamic changes, ischaemic ECG changes and arrhythmias. In severe, chronic hypertension the risk of renal damage following administration of a contrast medium is increased. In these cases the risks associated with the catheterization procedure are increased.

The product should be used with caution in patients with hyperthyroidism or goitre. Use may interfere with thyroid function tests.

The administration of iodinated contrast media may aggravate myasthenia signs and symptoms.

CNS Disorders

Particular care is needed in patients with acute cerebral infarction, acute intracranial haemorrhage and any conditions involving damage to the blood brain barrier, brain oedema or acute demyelination. Convulsive seizures are more likely in patients with intracranial tumours or metastases or with a history of epilepsy.

Neurological symptoms related to cerebrovascular diseases, intracranial tumours/metastases or degenerative or inflammatory pathologies may be exacerbated.

There is an increased risk of transient neurological complications in patients with symptomatic cerebrovascular disease e.g. stroke, transient ischaemic attacks. Cerebral ischaemic phenomena may be caused by intravascular injection.

Anticonvulsant therapy should not be discontinued.

In acute and chronic alcoholism the increase in blood brain barrier permeability facilitates the passage of the contrast medium into cerebral tissue possibly leading to CNS disorders. There is a possibility of a reduced seizure threshold in alcoholics.

In patients with a drug addiction there is also the possibility of a reduced seizure threshold.

Patients with phaeochromocytoma may develop severe, occasionally uncontrollable hypertensive crises during intra-arterial administration. Premedication with an alpha and beta receptor blocker is recommended in these patients. Pronounced excitement, anxiety and pain can cause side effects or intensify reaction to the contrast medium. A sedative may be given.

Renal impairment

In patients with moderate to severe impairment of renal function, attention should be paid to renal function parameters before re-examining the patient with a contrast media. Preventive measures include:

- identification of high-risk patients;
- ensuring adequate hydration before CM administration, preferably by maintaining i.v. infusion before and during the procedure and until the CM has been cleared by the kidneys;

avoiding whenever possible, the administration of nephrotoxic drugs or major surgery or procedure such as renal angioplasty, until the CM has been cleared;

A combination of severe hepatic and renal impairment delays excretion of the contrast medium therefore such patients should not be examined unless absolutely necessary.

Diabetes mellitus

Care should be taken in renal impairment and diabetes. In these patients it is important to maintain hydration in order to minimise deterioration in renal function.

The presence of renal damage in diabetic patients is one of the factors predisposing to renal impairment following contrast media administration. This may precipitate lactic acidosis in patients who are taking metformin (see section 4.5 - Interaction with medicaments and other forms of interaction).

Children: Infants up to 1 year, especially the new-born, are particularly susceptible to electrolyte imbalance and haemodynamic alterations. Care should be taken regarding the dosage used.

Transient hypothyroidism may occur in neonates when the mother or the neonate has received an iodinated contrast agent. Thyroid function tests (usually TSH and T4) are recommended in neonates 7-10 days and 1 month after exposure to Iomeron especially in preterm neonates.

Elderly: There is special risk of reactions involving the circulatory system such that myocardial ischaemia, major arrhythmias and extrasystoles are more likely to occur. A combination of neurological disturbances and vascular pathologies present a serious complication. The probability of acute renal insufficiencies is higher in these people.

Precautions for dedicated exams

Angiography

Non ionic contrast media have less antiocoagulant activity in vitro than ionic media. Meticulous attention should therefore be paid to angiographic technique. Non ionic media should not be allowed to remain in contact with blood in a syringe, and intravascular catheters should be flushed frequently to minimise the risk of clotting which, rarely, has led to serious thromboembolic complications.

Intravascular administration should be performed if possible with the patient lying down. The patient should be kept in this position and closely observed for at least 30 minutes after the procedure since the majority of severe incidents occur with this time.

Myelography

Following intrathecal use, the patient should rest with the head and the chest elevated for 1 hour and be kept well hydrated. Thereafter, he/she may ambulate carefully, but bending down must be avoided. If remaining in bed, the head and chest should be kept

elevated for 6 hours. Patients, suspected of having a lower seizure threshold should be observed during this period.

Venography

Special care is required when venography is performed in patients with thrombosis, phlebitis, severe ischaemic disease, local infection or a totally obstructed artero-venous system.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Use of the product may interfere with tests for thyroid function. Vasopressor agents should not be administered prior to iomeprol.

Treatment with drugs that lower the seizure threshold such as certain neuroleptics (MAO inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants), analeptics, and anti-emetics and phenotiazine derivatives should be discontinued 48 hours before the examination. Treatment should not be resumed until 24 hours post-procedure.

It has been reported that cardiac and/or hypertensive patients under treatment with diuretics, ACE-inhibitors, and/or beta blocking agents are at higher risk of adverse reactions when administered iodinated contrast media.

Beta-blockers may impair the response to treatment of bronchospasm induced by contrast medium.

Patients with normal renal function can continue to take metformin normally. In diabetic patients with diabetic nephropathy, under treatment with metformin and with moderate renal impairment, metformin should be stopped at the time of, or prior to the procedure and withheld for 48 hours subsequent to the procedure and reinstituted only after renal function has been re-evaluated and found to be normal In emergency patients in whom renal function is either impaired or unknown, the physician shall weigh out risk and benefit of an examination with a contrast medium and take precautions. Metformin should be stopped from time of contrast medium administration. After the procedure the patient should be monitored for signs of lactic acidosis. Metformin should be restarted 48 hours after contrast medium if serum creatinine/eGFR is unchanged from the pre-imaging level.

Allergy-like reactions to contrast media are more frequent and may manifest as delayed reactions in patients treated with immuno-modulators, like Interleukin-2 (IL-2).

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		Paraesthesia Paraparesis Loss of consciousness Somnolence	
Vascular disorders	Hypertension	Hypotension Flushing	
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4.8.3 Administration to body cavities

After injection of an iodinated contrast media in body cavities, contrast media are slowly absorbed from the area of administration into the systemic circulation and subsequently cleared by renal elimination.

Blood amylase increased is common following ERCP. Very rare cases of pancreatitis have been described.

The reactions reported in cases of arthrography and fistulography usually represent irritative manifestations superimposed on pre-existing conditions of tissue inflammation.

Hypersensitivity reactions are rare, generally mild and in the form of skin reactions. However, the possibility of severe anaphylactoid reactions cannot be excluded.

As with other iodinated contrast media, pelvic pain and malaise may occur after hysterosalpingography.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme

Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

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4.9 Overdose

The effects of overdose on the pulmonary and cardiovascular systems may become lifethreatening. Treatment consists of support of the vital functions and prompt use of symptomatic therapy. Iomeprol does not bind to plasma or serum proteins and is therefore dialyzable.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

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Iomeprol is a low osmolality, non-ionic organic molecule with radio-opacity conferred by an iodine content of 49% of the molecular weight. It is formulated for use as an intravascular/intracavitary/ intrathecal contrast medium in concentrations of up to 400mg iodine per ml. Even at this concentration the low viscosity allows delivery of high doses through thin catheters.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of intravascularly administered iomeprol are similar to those of other iodinated contrast media and conform to a two-compartment model with a rapid distribution and a slower elimination phase. In healthy subjects, the mean distribution and elimination half-lives of iomeprol were 0.5 hours and 1.9 hours respectively.

Distribution volume is similar to that of extra cellular fluid. There is no significant serum protein binding and iomeprol is not metabolized.

Elimination is almost exclusively through the kidneys (90% of the dose recovered in the urine within 96 hours of its administration) and is rapid (50% of an intravascularly administered dose within 2 hours).

Following intrathecal administration to animals, iomeprol is completely cleared from the CSF and passes into the plasma compartment.

5.3 Preclinical Safety Data

Pre-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, toxicity to reproduction.

Results from studies in rats, mice and dogs demonstrate that iomeprol has an acute intravenous or intra-arterial toxicity similar to that of the other non ionic contrast media, as well as a good systemic tolerability after repeated intravenous administrations in rats and dogs.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 <u>List of excipients</u>

trometamol hydrochloric acid water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf Life

Five years

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store below 30°C Protect from light

6.5 Nature and contents of containers

Colourless Type I or Type II glass bottles with rubber/aluminium cap. Quantities of 20, 30, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 or 250 ml of solution.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Bottles containing contrast media solution are not intended for the withdrawal of multiple doses. The rubber stopper should never be pierced more than once. The use of proper withdrawal cannulas for piercing the stopper and drawing up the contrast medium is recommended.

Before use, examine the product to assure that the container and closure have not been damaged. Do not use the solution if it is discolored or particulate matter is present.

The contrast medium should not be drawn into the syringe until immediately before use. Withdrawal of contrast agents from their containers should be accomplished under aseptic conditions with sterile syringes. Sterile techniques must be used with any spinal puncture or intravascular injection, and with catheters and guidewires. If non-disposable equipment is used, scrupulous care should be taken to prevent residual contamination with traces of cleansing agents.

It is desirable that solutions of contrast media for intravascular and intrathecal use should be at body temperature when injected.

Any residue of contrast medium in the syringe must be discarded. Solutions not used in one examination session or waste material, such as the connecting tubes, should be disposed in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER

18920/0003

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF AUTHORISATION

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10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

19 January 2022

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For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

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Solution for injection.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

X-ray contrast medium used for:

- peripheral arteriography
- venography
- angiocardiography and left ventriculography
- cerebral arteriography
- visceral arteriography
- digital subtraction angiography
- computed tomography enhancement
- urography
- ERCP
- dacryocystography
- sialography
- fistulography
- galactography
- myelography

4.2 Posology and method of administration

peripheral arteriography	adults children	10 - 90ml * * *
venography	adults	10 - 100ml* max 250ml 10 - 50ml upper extremity 50 - 100 lower extremity
angiocardiography and left ventriculography	adults	30 - 80ml max 250ml
	children	
cerebral arteriography	adults	5 - 12ml*
	children	3 - 7ml or * *
visceral arteriography	adults	5 - 50ml* or according to type of examination; max 250ml
	children	* *
digital subtraction		

angiography Intra arterial		
visceral	adults	2 - 20ml per artery* aorta 25-50ml* both 250ml max
peripheral	adults	5 - 10ml per artery* max 250ml
intravenous	adults	30 - 60ml* max 250ml
computed tomography		
brain	adults	50 - 150ml
	children	* *
body	adults	40 - 150ml max 250ml
	children	* *
urography intravenous	adults	50 - 150ml
	neonates	3 - 4.8ml/kg
	babies	2.5 - 4ml
	children	1 - 2.5ml/kg or *
arthrography	adults	1 - 10ml
ERCP	adults	12 - 30ml
dacryocystography	adults	3 - 8ml
sialography	adults	1 - 3ml
fistulography	adults	1 - 50ml
galactography	adults	0.2 - 1.5ml
myelography	adults	10 - 15ml by lumbar injection

^{*} Repeat as necessary

In elderly patients the lowest effective dose should be used.

Unless otherwise instructed by the doctor, a normal diet may be maintained on the day of the examination.

In myelography, lower doses may be used for lumbar or thoracic studies and higher doses for cervical or total columnar studies. Regardless of the nature of the myelographic study, Iomeron should be injected slowly over 1-2 minutes.

The X ray can be taken up to 60 minutes following injection. Post myelographic CT of the spinal column should be delayed for approximately four hours to allow dilution and clearance of excessive contrast.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients. Intrathecal concomitant administration of corticosteroids with contrast media is contraindicated.

4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use

^{* *} According to body size and age

In consideration of possible complications, the patient should be kept under observation for at least 30 minutes after the examination.

Extreme caution during injection of contrast media is necessary to avoid extravasation.

Hydration

Patients must be well hydrated, and any relevant abnormalities of fluid or electrolyte balance should be corrected prior to and following contrast media injection. Especially patients with diabetes mellitus, polyuria, oligouria, hyperuricaemia, infants, small children, and elderly patients, should not be exposed to dehydration. Also patients with severely compromised hepatic and renal impairment are more at risk. Caution should be exercised in hydrating patients with underlying conditions that may be worsened by fluid overload, including congestive heart failure.

Rehydration prior to use of iomeprol is recommended in patients with sickle cell disease.

Special population

Hypersensitivity to iodinated contrast media, allergic predisposition
A positive history of allergy, asthma or untoward reaction during previous similar investigations indicates a need for extra caution since, as with other contrast media, this product may provoke anaphylaxis or other manifestations of allergy with nausea, vomiting, dyspnoea, erythema, urticaria and hypotension. The benefits should clearly outweigh the risks in such patients and appropriate resuscitative measures should be immediately available. The primary treatments are as follows:

Effect	Major Symptoms	Primary Treatment
Vasomotor effect	warmth nausea/vomiting	reassurance
Cutaneous	scattered hives severe urticaria	H ₁ -antihistamines H ₂ -antihistamines
Bronchospastic	wheezing	oxygen Beta-2-agonist inhalers
Anaphylactoid reaction	angioedema urticaria bronchospasm hypotension	oxygen iv fluids adrenergics (iv epinephrine) Inhaled beta-2-adrenergics antihistamines (H ₁ -and H ₂ - blockers) corticosteroids
Hypotensive Vagal reaction	hypotension hypotension bradycardia	iv fluids iv fluids iv atropine

From: Bush WH; The Contrast Media Manual; Katzburg RW Ed.; Williams and Wilkins; Baltimore 1992; Chapter 2 p 23

The risk of bronchospasm-inducing reactions in asthmatic patients is higher after contrast media administration, especially in patients taking beta-blockers.

Hypersensitivity testing

In patients with suspected or known hypersensitivity to contrast media, sensitivity test doses are not recommended, as severe or fatal reactions to contrast media are not predictable from sensitivity test.

Myelomatosis or paraproteinaemias are conditions predisposing to renal impairment following CM administration. The benefits of the use of a contrast-enhanced procedure should be carefully weighted against the possible risk. Adequate hydration and monitoring of renal function are recommended after CM administration.

Cardiovascular diseases

Care should be taken in severe cardiac disease particularly heart failure and coronary artery disease. Reactions may include pulmonary oedema, haemodynamic changes, ischaemic ECG changes and arrhythmias.

In severe, chronic hypertension the risk of renal damage following administration of a contrast medium is increased. In these cases the risks associated with the catheterization procedure are increased.

The product should be used with caution in patients with hyperthyroidism or goitre. Use may interfere with thyroid function tests.

The administration of iodinated contrast media may aggravate myasthenia signs and symptoms.

CNS Disorders

Particular care is needed in patients with acute cerebral infarction, acute intracranial haemorrhage and any conditions involving damage to the blood brain barrier, brain oedema or acute demyelination. Convulsive seizures are more likely in patients with intracranial tumours or metastases or with a history of epilepsy.

Neurological symptoms related to cerebrovascular diseases, intracranial tumours/metastases or degenerative or inflammatory pathologies may be exacerbated.

There is an increased risk of transient neurological complications in patients with symptomatic cerebrovascular disease eg stroke, transient ischaemic attacks. Cerebral ischaemic phenomena may be caused by intravascular injection.

Anticonvulsant therapy should not be discontinued.

In acute and chronic alcoholism the increase in blood brain barrier permeability facilitates the passage of the contrast medium into cerebral tissue possibly leading to CMS disorders. There is a possibility of a reduced seizure threshold in alcoholics.

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Pronounced excitement, anxiety and pain can cause side effects or intensify reaction to the contrast medium. A sedative may be given.

Renal impairment

In patients with moderate to severe impairment of renal function, attention should be paid to renal function parameters, in particular before re-examining the patient with a contrast media.

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The presence of renal damage in diabetic patients is one of the factors predisposing to renal impairment following contrast media administration. This may precipitate lactic acidosis in patients who are taking metformin (see section 4.5 - Interaction with medicaments and other forms of interaction).

Children:

Infants up to 1 year, especially the new-born, are particularly susceptible to electrolyte imbalance and haemodynamic alterations. Care should be taken regarding the dosage used.

Transient hypothyroidism may occur in neonates when the mother or the neonate has received an iodinated contrast agent. Thyroid function tests (usually TSH and T4) are recommended in neonates 7-10 days and 1 month after exposure to Iomeron especially in preterm neonates.

Elderly:

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Precautions for dedicated exams

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Myelography

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Adults patients involved in clinical trials with intrathecal administration of Iomeprol were 388.

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following intrathecal administration of lomeprol are headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting and back pain. These reactions are usually mild to moderate and transient in nature. Rarely, headache may persist for days. Most side effects occur some hours (3 to 6 hours) after the procedure, due to the distribution of the contrast medium in the CSF circulation from the site of administration to the intravascular space (see section 5.2: Pharmacokinetic properties). Most reactions usually occur within 24 hours after injection.

	Adverse Reactions				
Such and Owner Class	Clinical Trials			Post-marketing Surveillance	
System Organ Class	_	Common (≥1/100 to <1/10)	Uncommon (≥1/1000 to <1/100)	Frequency unknown*	
Immune system disorders				Anaphylactoid reaction	
Nervous system disorders	Headache	Dizziness	Hypoaesthesia Paraesthesia Paraparesis	Epilepsy	

		Loss of consciousness Somnolence	
Vascular disorders	Hypertension	Hypotension Flushing	
Gastrointestinal disorders	Nausea Vomiting		
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders		Hyperhidrosis Pruritus	Rash
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorder	Back pain Pain in extremity	Musculoskeleta stiffness Neck pain	
General disorders and administration site conditions	Injection site reaction**	Feeling hot Pyrexia	

^{*} Since the reactions were not observed during clinical trials with 388 patients, best estimate is that their relative occurrence is uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to <1/100. The most appropriate MedDRA term is used to describe a certain reaction and its symptoms and related conditions.

Paediatric patients

No adverse reactions were reported after intrathecal administration of Iomeprol both in clinical trials and in the post-marketing surveillance.

4.8.3 Administration to body cavities

After injection of an iodinated contrast media in body cavities, contrast media are slowly absorbed from the area of administration into the systemic circulation and subsequently cleared by renal elimination.

Blood amylase increased is common following ERCP. Very rare cases of pancreatitis have been described.

The reactions reported in cases of arthrography and fistulography usually represent irritative manifestations superimposed on pre-existing conditions of tissue inflammation.

Hypersensitivity reactions are rare, generally mild and in the form of skin reactions. However, the possibility of severe anaphylactoid reactions cannot be excluded.

As with other iodinated contrast media, pelvic pain and malaise may occur after hysterosalpingography.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme

Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

4.9 Overdose

^{**} Injection site reactions comprise application site pain, injection site discomfort, injection site pain and injection site warmth.

The effects of overdose on the pulmonary and cardiovascular systems may become lifethreatening. Treatment consists of support of the vital functions and prompt use of symptomatic therapy. Iomeprol does not bind to plasma or serum proteins and is therefore dialyzable.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 **Pharmacodynamic properties**

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Iomeprol is a low osmolality, non-ionic organic molecule with radio-opacity conferred by an iodine content of 49% of the molecular weight. It is formulated for use as an intravascular/intracavitary/ intrathecal contrast medium in concentrations of up to 400mg iodine per ml. Even at this concentration the low viscosity allows delivery of high doses through thin catheters.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of intravascularly administered iomeprol are similar to those of other iodinated contrast media and conform to a two-compartment model with a rapid distribution and a slower elimination phase. In healthy subjects, the mean distribution and elimination half-lives of iomeprol were 0.5 hours and 1.9 hours respectively.

Distribution volume is similar to that of extra cellular fluid. There is no significant serum protein binding and iomeprol is not metabolized.

Elimination is almost exclusively through the kidneys (90% of the dose recovered in the urine within 96 hours of its administration) and is rapid (50% of an intravascularly administered dose within 2 hours).

Following intrathecal administration to animals, iomeprol is completely cleared from the CSF and passes into the plasma compartment.

5.3 Preclinical Safety Data

Pre-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, toxicity to reproduction.

Results from studies in rats, mice and dogs demonstrate that iomeprol has an acute intravenous or intra-arterial toxicity similar to that of the other non ionic contrast media, as well as a good systemic tolerability after repeated intravenous administrations in rats and dogs.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

trometamol hydrochloric acid water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf Life

6.4 **Special precautions for storage**

Store below 30°C Protect from light

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Colourless Type I or Type II glass bottles with rubber/aluminium cap. Quantities of 20, 30, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 or 250 ml of solution.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Bottles containing contrast media solution are not intended for the withdrawal of multiple doses. The rubber stopper should never be pierced more than once. The use of proper withdrawal cannulas for piercing the stopper and drawing up the contrast medium is recommended.

Before use, examine the product to assure that the container and closure have not been damaged. Do not use the solution if it is discolored or particulate matter is present.

The contrast medium should not be drawn into the syringe until immediately before use. Withdrawal of contrast agents from their containers should be accomplished under aseptic conditions with sterile syringes. Sterile techniques must be used with any spinal puncture or intravascular injection, and with catheters and guidewires. If non-disposable equipment is used, scrupulous care should be taken to prevent residual contamination with traces of cleansing agents.

It is desirable that solutions of contrast media for intravascular and intrathecal use should be at body temperature when injected.

Any residue of contrast medium in the syringe must be discarded. Solutions not used in one examination session or waste material, such as the connecting tubes, should be disposed in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF AUTHORISATION

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1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Contains 71.44% w/v of iomeprol equivalent to 35% iodine or 350mg iodine/ml.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1. For excipients, see 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

X-ray contrast medium used for:

- peripheral arteriography
- venography
- aortography
- angiocardiography and left ventriculography
- coronary arteriography
- visceral arteriography
- digital subtraction angiography
- computed tomography enhancement
- urography
- dacryocystography
- sialography
- fistulography
- galactography

4.2 Posology and method of administration

peripheral arteriography	adults	10 - 90ml *
	children	* *
venography	adults	10 - 100ml* max 250ml
		10 - 50ml upper extremity
		50 - 100 lower extremity
aortography	adults	50 - 80ml
	children	* *
angiocardiography and left ventriculography	adults	30 - 80ml max 250ml
	children	* *
coronary arteriography	adults	4 - 10ml per artery *
visceral arteriography	adults	5 - 50ml* or according to type of examination; max 250ml
	children	**

digital subtraction angiography

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intravenous	adults	30 - 60ml* max 250ml

computed tomography

brain	adults	50 - 150ml
	children	* *
body	adults	40 - 150ml max 250ml
	children	* *

Urography

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intravenous	adults	50 - 150ml
	neonates	3 - 4.8ml/kg
	babies 2.5 - 4ml	
	children	1 - 2.5ml/kg or *
arthrography	adults	up to 10ml
dacryocystography	adults	3 - 8ml
sialography	adults	1 - 3ml
fistulography	adults	1 - 50ml
galactography	adults	0.2 - 1.5ml

^{*} Repeat as necessary

In elderly patients the lowest effective dose should be used.

Unless otherwise instructed by the doctor, a normal diet may be maintained on the day of the examination.

The X ray can be taken up to 60 minutes following injection.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients.

4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use

In consideration of possible complications, the patient should be kept under observation for at least 30 minutes after the examination.

Extreme caution during injection of contrast media is necessary to avoid extravasation.

<u>Hydration</u>

Patients must be well hydrated, and any relevant abnormalities of fluid or electrolyte balance should be corrected prior to and following contrast media injection. Especially patients with diabetes mellitus, polyuria, oligouria, hyperuricaemia, infants, small children, and elderly patients, should not be exposed to dehydration. Also patients with severely compromised hepatic and renal impairment are more at risk. Caution should be exercised in hydrating patients with underlying conditions that may be worsened by fluid overload, including congestive heart failure.

Rehydration prior to use of iomeprol is recommended in patients with sickle cell disease.

Special population

Hypersensitivity to iodinated contrast media, allergic predisposition

A positive history of allergy, asthma or untoward reaction during previous similar investigations indicates a need for extra caution since, as with other contrast media, this

^{* *} According to body size and age

product may provoke anaphylaxis or other manifestations of allergy with nausea, vomiting, dyspnoea, erythema, urticaria and hypotension. The benefits should clearly outweigh the risks in such patients and appropriate resuscitative measures should be immediately available. The primary treatments are as follows:

Effect	Major Symptoms	Primary Treatment
Vasomotor effect	warmth nausea/vomiting	reassurance
Cutaneous	scattered hives severe urticaria	H ₁ -antihistamines H ₂ -antihistamines
Bronchospastic	wheezing	oxygen Beta-2-agonist inhalers
Anaphylactoid reaction	angioedema urticaria bronchospasm hypotension	oxygen iv fluids adrenergics (iv epinephrine) Inhaled beta-2-adrenergics antihistamines (H ₁ -and H ₂ - blockers) corticosteroids
Hypotensive	hypotension	iv fluids
Vagal reaction	hypotension bradycardia	iv fluids iv atropine

From: Bush WH; The Contrast Media Manual; Katzburg RW Ed.; Williams and Wilkins; Baltimore 1992; Chapter 2 p 23

The risk of bronchospasm-inducing reactions in asthmatic patients is higher after contrast media administration, especially in patients taking beta-blockers.

Hypersensitivity testing

In patients with suspected or known hypersensitivity to contrast media, sensitivity test doses are not recommended, as severe or fatal reactions to contrast media are not predictable from sensitivity test.

Myelomatosis or paraproteinaemias are conditions predisposing to renal impairment following CM administration. The benefits of the use of a contrast-enhanced procedure should be carefully weighted against the possible risk. Adequate hydration and monitoring of renal function are recommended after CM administration.

Cardiovascular diseases

Care should be taken in severe cardiac disease particularly heart failure and coronary artery disease. Reactions may include pulmonary oedema, haemodynamic changes, ischaemic ECG changes and arrhythmias.

In severe, chronic hypertension the risk of renal damage following administration of a contrast medium is increased. In these cases the risks associated with the catheterization procedure are increased.

The product should be used with caution in patients with hyperthyroidism or goitre. Use may interfere with thyroid function tests.

The administration of iodinated contrast media may aggravate myasthenia signs and symptoms.

CNS Disorders

Particular care is needed in patients with acute cerebral infarction, acute intracranial haemorrhage and any conditions involving damage to the blood brain barrier, brain oedema or acute demyelination. Convulsive seizures are more likely in patients with intracranial tumours or metastases or with a history of epilepsy.

Neurological symptoms related to cerebrovascular diseases, intracranial tumours/metastases or degenerative or inflammatory pathologies may be exacerbated.

There is an increased risk of transient neurological complications in patients with symptomatic cerebrovascular disease eg stroke, transient ischaemic attacks. Cerebral ischaemic phenomena may be caused by intravascular injection.

Anticonvulsant therapy should not be discontinued.

In acute and chronic alcoholism the increase in blood brain barrier permeability facilitates the passage of contrast medium into cerebral tissue possibly leading to CNS disorders. There is a possibility of a reduced seizure threshold in alcoholics.

In patients with a drug addiction there is also the possibility of a reduced seizure threshold.

Patients with phaeochromocytoma may develop severe, occasionally uncontrollable hypertensive crises during intra-arterial administration. Premedication with an alpha and beta receptor blocker is recommended in these patients. Pronounced excitement, anxiety and pain can cause side effects or intensify reaction to the contrast medium. A sedative may be given.

Renal impairment

In patients with moderate to severe impairment of renal function, attention should be paid to renal function parameters before re-examining the patient with a contrast media. Preventive measures include:

- · identification of high-risk patients;
- ensuring adequate hydration before CM administration, preferably by maintaining i.v. infusion before and during the procedure and until the CM has been cleared by the kidneys;

avoiding whenever possible, the administration of nephrotoxic drugs or major surgery or procedure such as renal angioplasty, until the CM has been cleared;

A combination of severe hepatic and renal impairment delays excretion of the contrast medium therefore such patients should not be examined unless absolutely necessary.

Diabetes mellitus

Care should be taken in renal impairment and diabetes. In these patients it is important to maintain hydration in order to minimise deterioration in renal function.

The presence of renal damage in diabetic patients is one of the factors predisposing to renal impairment following contrast media administration. This may precipitate lactic acidosis in patients who are taking metformin (see section 4.5 - Interaction with medicaments and other forms of interaction).

Children: Infants up to 1 year, especially the new-born, are particularly susceptible to

electrolyte imbalance and haemodynamic alterations. Care should be taken regarding the dosage used.

Transient hypothyroidism may occur in neonates when the mother or the neonate has received an iodinated contrast agent. Thyroid function tests (usually TSH and T4) are recommended in neonates 7-10 days and 1 month after exposure to Iomeron especially in preterm neonates.

Elderly: There is special risk of reactions involving the circulatory system such that myocardial ischaemia, major arrhythmias and extrasystoles are more likely to occur. A combination of neurological disturbances and vascular pathologies present a serious complication. The probability of acute renal insufficiencies is higher in these people.

Precautions for dedicated exams

Angiography

Non ionic contrast media have less antiocoagulant activity in vitro than ionic media. Meticulous attention should therefore be paid to angiographic technique. Non ionic media should not be allowed to remain in contact with blood in a syringe, and intravascular catheters should be flushed frequently to minimise the risk of clotting which, rarely, has led to serious thromboembolic complications.

Intravascular administration should be performed if possible with the patient lying down. The patient should be kept in this position and closely observed for at least 30 minutes after the procedure since the majority of severe incidents occur with this time.

Venography

Special care is required when venography is performed in patients with thrombosis, phlebitis, severe ischaemic disease, local infection or a totally obstructed artero-venous system.

4.5 Interaction with other medicaments and other forms of interaction

Use of the product may interfere with tests for thyroid function. Vasopressor agents should not be administered prior to iomeprol.

Treatment with drugs that lower the seizure threshold such as certain neuroleptics (MAO inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants), analeptics, and anti-emetics and phenotiazine derivatives should be discontinued 48 hours before the examination. Treatment should not be resumed until 24 hours post-procedure.

It has been reported that cardiac and/or hypertensive patients under treatment with diuretics, ACE-inhibitors, and/or beta blocking agents are at higher risk of adverse reactions when administered iodinated contrast media.

Beta-blockers may impair the response to treatment of bronchospasm induced by contrast medium.

Patients with normal renal function can continue to take metformin normally. In diabetic patients with diabetic nephropathy, under treatment with metformin and with moderate renal impairment, metformin should be stopped at the time of, or prior to the procedure and withheld for 48 hours subsequent to the procedure and reinstituted only after renal function has been re-evaluated and found to be normal In emergency patients in whom renal function is either impaired or unknown, the physician shall weigh out risk and benefit of an examination with a contrast medium and take precautions. Metformin should be stopped from time of contrast medium administration. After the procedure

the patient should be monitored for signs of lactic acidosis. Metformin should be restarted 48 hours after contrast medium if serum creatinine/eGFR is unchanged from the pre-imaging level.

Allergy-like reactions to contrast media are more frequent and may manifest as delayed reactions in patients treated with immuno-modulators, like Interleukin-2 (IL-2).

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Women of childbearing potential

Appropriate investigations and measures should be taken when exposing women of child-bearing potential to any X-ray examination, whether with or without contrast medium.

Pregnancy

Animal studies have not indicated any harmful effects with respect to the course of pregnancy or on the health of the unborn or neonate. The safety of iomeprol in human pregnancy however has not been established. Therefore avoid in pregnancy unless there is no safer alternative.

Breastfeeding

No human data exist concerning the excretion of iomeprol in breast milk. Animal studies have demonstrated that the excretion of iomeprol in breast milk is similar to that of other contrast agents and that these compounds are only minimally absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract of the young. Adverse effects on the nursing infant are therefore unlikely to occur.

Stopping breastfeeding is unnecessary.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

There is no known effect on the ability to drive and operate machines.

4.8 Undesirable effects

General

The use of iodinated contrast media may cause untoward side effects. They are usually mild to moderate and transient in nature. However, severe and life-threatening reactions sometimes leading to death have been reported. In most cases, reactions occur within minutes of dosing but at times reactions may occur at later time.

Anaphylaxis (anaphylactoid/hypersensitivity reactions) may manifest with various symptoms, and rarely does any one patient develop all the symptoms. Typically, in 1 to 15 min (but rarely after as long as 2 h), the patient complains of feeling abnormal, agitation, flushing, feeling hot, sweating increased, dizziness, increased lacrimation, rhinitis, palpitations, paresthesia, pruritus, sore throat and throat tightness, dysphagia, cough, sneezing, urticaria, erythema, mild localised oedema, angioneurotic oedema and dyspnoea due to glottic/laryngeal/pharyngeal oedema and/or spasm manifesting with wheezing, and bronchospasm.

Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhoea are also reported.

These reactions, which can occur independently of the dose administered or the route of administration, may represent the first signs of circulatory collapse.

Administration of the contrast medium must be discontinued immediately and, if needed, appropriate specific treatment urgently initiated via venous access.

Severe reactions involving the cardiovascular system, such as vasodilatation, with

pronounced hypotension, tachycardia, dyspnoea, agitation, cyanosis and loss of consciousness progressing to respiratory and/or cardiac arrest may result in death. These events can occur rapidly and require full and aggressive cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Primary circulatory collapse can occur as the only and/or initial presentation without respiratory symptoms or without other signs or symptoms outlined above.

The adverse reactions reported in clinical trials among 4,903 adult patients and from post-marketing surveillance are represented in the tables below by frequency and classified by MedDRA system organ class.

Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

4.8.1 Intravascular administration

Adult patients involved in clinical trials with intravascular administration of Iomeprol were 4,515.

Adults

	Adverse	Reactions		
	(linical i riais			Post-marketing Surveillance
System Organ Class	Common (≥1/100 t o <1/10)	Uncommon (≥1/1000 to <1/100)	Rare (≥1/10,000 to <1/1000)	
Blood and lymphatic system disorders				Thrombocytopenia, Haemolytic anaemia
lmmune system disorders				Anaphylactoid reaction
Psychiatric disorders				Anxiety Confusional state
Nervous system disorders		Headache Dizziness	Presyncope	Coma Transient ischaemic attack Paralysis Syncope Convulsion Loss of consciousness Dysarthria Paraesthesia Amnesia Somnolence Taste abnormality
Eye disorders				Blindness transient Visual disturbance Conjunctivitis Lacrimation increase Photopsia

Cardiac disorders Vascular disorders		Hypertension	Bradycardia Tachycardia Extrasystoles Hypotension	Cardiac arrest Myocardial infarction Cardiac failure Angina pectoris Arrhythmia Ventricular or atrial fibrillation Atrioventricular block Palpitations Cyanosis Circulatory collapse or
				shock Hot flush Flushing Pallor
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders		Dyspnoea		Respiratory arrest Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) Pulmonary oedema Laryngeal oedema Pharyngeal oedema Bronchospasm Asthma Cough Hyperventilation Pharynx discomfort Laryngeal discomfort Rhinitis Dysphonia
Gastrointestinal disorders		Nausea Vomiting		Diarrhoea Abdominal pain Salivary hypersecretion Dysphagia Salivary gland enlargement
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders		Erythema Urticaria Pruritus	Rash	Acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis Angioedema Cold sweat Sweating increased
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorder			Back pain	Arthralgia
Renal and urinary disorders				Renal failure
General disorders and	Feeling	Chest pain	Asthenia	Injection site

administration site conditions	hot	Injection site warmth and pain	Rigors Pyrexia	reaction** Coldness local Fatigue Malaise Thirst
Investigations			Blood creatinine increased	Electrocardiogram ST segment elevation Electrocardiogram abnormal

^{*} Since the reactions were not observed during clinical trials with 4515 patients, best estimate is that their relative occurrence is rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to <1/1000). The most appropriate MedDRA term is used to describe a certain reaction and its symptoms and related conditions.

Coronary artery thrombosis and coronary artery embolism have been reported as a complication of coronary catheterization procedures.

Vasospasm and consequent ischaemia have been observed during intra-arterial injections of contrast medium, in particular after coronary and cerebral angiography often procedurally related and possibly triggered by the tip of the catheter or excess catheter pressure.

As with other iodinated contrast media, very rare cases of mucocutaneous syndromes, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis (Lyell syndrome) and erythema multiforme, have been reported following the administration of Iomeprol injection.

Paediatric patients

There is limited experience with paediatric patients. The clinical trial paediatric safety database comprises 167 patients.

The Iomeprol safety profile is similar in children and adults.

4.8.2 Administration to body cavities

After injection of an iodinated contrast media in body cavities, contrast media are slowly absorbed from the area of administration into the systemic circulation and subsequently cleared by renal elimination.

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The reactions reported in cases of arthrography and fistulography usually represent irritative manifestations superimposed on pre-existing conditions of tissue inflammation.

Hypersensitivity reactions are rare, generally mild and in the form of skin reactions. However, the possibility of severe anaphylactoid reactions cannot be excluded. As with other iodinated contrast media, pelvic pain and malaise may occur after

^{**} Injection site reactions comprise injection site pain and swelling. In the majority of cases they are due to extravasation of contrast medium. These reactions are usually transient and result in recovery without sequelae. Cases of extravasation with inflammation, skin necrosis and even development of compartment syndrome have been reported.

hysterosalpingography.

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6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

trometamol

hydrochloric acid water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products. No other drug should be mixed with the contrast medium.

6.3 Shelf Life

Five years

6.4 **Special precautions for storage**

Store below 30°C Protect from light

6.5 Nature and contents of containers

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urography

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Anaphylactoid reaction	angioedema urticaria bronchospasm hypotension	oxygen iv fluids adrenergics (iv epinephrine) Inhaled beta-2-adrenergics antihistamines (H ₁ -and H ₂ - blockers) corticosteroids
Hypotensive Vagal reaction	hypotension hypotension bradycardia	iv fluids iv fluids iv atropine

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The risk of bronchospasm-inducing reactions in asthmatic patients is higher after contrast media administration, especially in patients taking beta-blockers.

Hypersensitivity testing

In patients with suspected or known hypersensitivity to contrast media, sensitivity test doses are not recommended, as severe or fatal reactions to contrast media are not predictable from sensitivity test.

Myelomatosis or paraproteinaemias are conditions predisposing to renal impairment following CM administration. The benefits of the use of a contrast-enhanced procedure should be carefully weighted against the possible risk. Adequate hydration and monitoring of renal function are recommended after CM administration.

Cardiovascular diseases

Care should be taken in severe cardiac disease particularly heart failure and coronary artery disease. Reactions may include pulmonary oedema, haemodynamic changes, ischaemic ECG changes and arrhythmias.

In severe, chronic hypertension the risk of renal damage following administration of a contrast medium is increased. In these cases the risks associated with the catheterization procedure are increased.

The product should be used with caution in patients with hyperthyroidism or goitre. Use may interfere with thyroid function tests.

The administration of iodinated contrast media may aggravate myasthenia signs and symptoms.

CNS Disorders

Particular care is needed in patients with acute cerebral infarction, acute intracranial haemorrhage and any conditions involving damage to the blood brain barrier, brain oedema or acute demyelination. Convulsive seizures are more likely in patients with intracranial tumours or metastases or with a history of epilepsy.

Neurological symptoms related to cerebrovascular diseases, intracranial tumours/metastases or degenerative or inflammatory pathologies may be exacerbated.

There is an increased risk of transient neurological complications in patients with symptomatic cerebrovascular disease eg stroke, transient ischaemic attacks. Cerebral ischaemic phenomena may be caused by intravascular injection.

Anticonvulsant therapy should not be discontinued.

In acute and chronic alcoholism the increase in blood brain barrier permeability facilitates the passage of the contrast medium into cerebral tissue possibly leading to CMS disorders. There is a possibility of a reduced seizure threshold in alcoholics.

In patients with a drug addiction there is also the possibility of a reduced seizure threshold.

Patients with phaeochromocytoma may develop severe, occasionally uncontrollable hypertensive crises during intra-arterial administration. Premedication with an alpha and beta receptor blocker is recommended in these patients. Pronounced excitement, anxiety and pain can cause side effects or intensify reaction to the contrast medium. A sedative may be given.

<u>Renal impairment</u>

In patients with moderate to severe impairment of renal function, attention should be paid to renal function parameters before re-examining the patient with a contrast media. Preventive measures include:

- identification of high-risk patients;
- ensuring adequate hydration before CM administration, preferably by maintaining i.v. infusion before and during the procedure and until the CM has been cleared by the kidneys;

avoiding whenever possible, the administration of nephrotoxic drugs or major surgery or procedure such as renal angioplasty, until the CM has been cleared; A combination of severe hepatic and renal impairment delays excretion of the contrast medium therefore such patients should not be examined unless absolutely necessary.

Diabetes mellitus

Care should be taken in renal impairment and diabetes. In these patients it is important to maintain hydration in order to minimise deterioration in renal function.

The presence of renal damage in diabetic patients is one of the factors predisposing to renal impairment following contrast media administration. This may precipitate lactic acidosis in patients who are taking metformin (see section 4.5 - Interaction with medicaments and other forms of interaction).

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Transient hypothyroidism may occur in neonates when the mother or the neonate has received an iodinated contrast agent. Thyroid function tests (usually TSH and T4) are recommended in neonates 7-10 days and 1 month after exposure to Iomeron especially in preterm neonates.

Elderly: There is special risk of reactions involving the circulatory system such that myocardial ischaemia, major arrhythmias and extrasystoles are more likely to occur. A combination of neurological disturbances and vascular pathologies present a serious complication. The probability of acute renal insufficiencies is higher in these people.

Precautions for dedicated exams

Angiography

Non ionic contrast media have less antiocoagulant activity in vitro than ionic media. Meticulous attention should therefore be paid to angiographic technique. Non ionic media should not be allowed to remain in contact with blood in a syringe, and intravascular catheters should be flushed frequently to minimise the risk of clotting which, rarely, has led to serious thromboembolic complications.

Intravascular administration should be performed if possible with the patient lying down. The patient should be kept in this position and closely observed for at least 30 minutes after the procedure since the majority of severe incidents occur with this time.

Venography

Special care is required when venography is performed in patients with thrombosis, phlebitis, severe ischaemic disease, local infection or a totally obstructed artero-venous system.

4.5 Interaction with other medicaments and other forms of interaction

Use of the product may interfere with tests for thyroid function. Vasopressor agents should not be administered prior to iomeprol.

Treatment with drugs that lower the seizure threshold such as certain neuroleptics (MAO inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants), analeptics, and anti-emetics and phenotiazine derivatives should be discontinued 48 hours before the examination. Treatment should not be resumed until 24 hours post-procedure.

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4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Women of childbearing potential

Appropriate investigations and measures should be taken when exposing women of child-bearing potential to any X-ray examination, whether with or without contrast medium.

Pregnancy

Animal studies have not indicated any harmful effects with respect to the course of pregnancy or on the health of the unborn or neonate. The safety of iomeprol in human pregnancy however has not been established. Therefore avoid in pregnancy unless there is no safer alternative.

Since, wherever possible, exposure to radiation should be avoided during pregnancy, the benefits of any X ray examination, whether with or without contrast material, should for this reason alone be carefully weighed against the possible risk

Breastfeeding

No human data exist concerning the excretion of iomeprol in breast milk. Animal studies have demonstrated that the excretion of iomeprol in breast milk is similar to that of other contrast agents and that these compounds are only minimally absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract of the young. Adverse effects on the nursing infant are therefore unlikely to occur.

Stopping breastfeeding is unnecessary.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

There is no known effect on the ability to drive and operate machines.

4.8 <u>Undesirable effects</u>

General

The use of iodinated contrast media may cause untoward side effects. They are usually mild to moderate and transient in nature. However, severe and life-threatening reactions sometimes leading to death have been reported. In most cases, reactions occur within minutes of dosing but at times reactions may occur at later time.

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wheezing, and bronchospasm.

Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhoea are also reported.

These reactions, which can occur independently of the dose administered or the route of administration, may represent the first signs of circulatory collapse.

Administration of the contrast medium must be discontinued immediately and, if needed, appropriate specific treatment urgently initiated via venous access.

Severe reactions involving the cardiovascular system, such as vasodilatation, with pronounced hypotension, tachycardia, dyspnoea, agitation, cyanosis and loss of consciousness progressing to respiratory and/or cardiac arrest may result in death. These events can occur rapidly and require full and aggressive cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Primary circulatory collapse can occur as the only and/or initial presentation without respiratory symptoms or without other signs or symptoms outlined above.

The adverse reactions reported in clinical trials among 4,903 adult patients and from post-marketing surveillance are represented in the tables below by frequency and classified by MedDRA system organ class.

Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

4.8.1 Intravascular administration

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Immune system disorders				Anaphylactoid reaction
Psychiatric disorders				Anxiety Confusional state
Nervous system disorders		Headache Dizziness	Presyncope	Coma Transient ischaemic attack Paralysis Syncope Convulsion Loss of consciousness Dysarthria Paraesthesia Amnesia

Eye disorders Cardiac disorders		Bradycardia Tachycardia	Somnolence Taste abnormality Blindness transient Visual disturbance Conjunctivitis Lacrimation increased Photopsia Cardiac arrest Myocardial infarction
		Extrasystoles	Cardiac failure Angina pectoris Arrhythmia Ventricular or atrial fibrillation Atrioventricular block Palpitations Cyanosis
Vascular disorders	Hypertension	Hypotension	Circulatory collapse or shock Hot flush Flushing Pallor
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Dyspnoea		Respiratory arrest Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) Pulmonary oedema Laryngeal oedema Pharyngeal oedema Bronchospasm Asthma Cough Hyperventilation Pharynx discomfort Laryngeal discomfort Rhinitis Dysphonia
Gastrointestinal disorders	Nausea Vomiting		Diarrhoea Abdominal pain Salivary hypersecretion Dysphagia Salivary gland enlargement
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Erythema Urticaria Pruritus	Rash	Acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis Angioedema Cold sweat

				Sweating increased
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorder			Back pain	Arthralgia
Renal and urinary disorders				Renal failure
General disorders and administration site conditions	Feeling hot	Chest pain Injection site warmth and pain	Asthenia Rigors Pyrexia	Injection site reaction** Coldness local Fatigue Malaise Thirst
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Coronary artery thrombosis and coronary artery embolism have been reported as a complication of coronary catheterization procedures.

Vasospasm and consequent ischaemia have been observed during intra-arterial injections of contrast medium, in particular after coronary and cerebral angiography often procedurally related and possibly triggered by the tip of the catheter or excess catheter pressure.

As with other iodinated contrast media, very rare cases of mucocutaneous syndromes, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis (Lyell syndrome) and erythema multiforme, have been reported following the administration of Iomeprol injection.

Paediatric patients

There is limited experience with paediatric patients. The clinical trial paediatric safety database comprises 167 patients.

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4.8.2 Administration to body cavities

After injection of an iodinated contrast media in body cavities, contrast media are slowly absorbed from the area of administration into the systemic circulation and subsequently cleared by renal elimination.

Blood amylase increased is common following ERCP. Very rare cases of pancreatitis

^{**} Injection site reactions comprise injection site pain and swelling. In the majority of cases they are due to extravasation of contrast medium. These reactions are usually transient and result in recovery without sequelae. Cases of extravasation with inflammation, skin necrosis and even development of compartment syndrome have been reported.

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The reactions reported in cases of arthrography and fistulography usually represent irritative manifestations superimposed on pre-existing conditions of tissue inflammation.

Hypersensitivity reactions are rare, generally mild and in the form of skin reactions. However, the possibility of severe anaphylactoid reactions cannot be excluded.

As with other iodinated contrast media, pelvic pain and malaise may occur after hysterosalpingography.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme

Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

4.9 Overdose

The effects of overdose on the pulmonary and cardiovascular systems may become lifethreatening. Treatment consists of support of the vital functions and prompt use of symptomatic therapy. Iomeprol does not bind to plasma or serum proteins and is therefore dialyzable.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

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Iomeprol is a low osmolality, non-ionic organic molecule with radio-opacity conferred by an iodine content of 49% of the molecular weight. It is formulated for use as an intravascular/intracavitary contrast medium in concentrations of up to 400mg iodine per ml. Even at this concentration the low viscosity allows delivery of high doses through thin catheters.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of intravascularly administered iomeprol are similar to those of other iodinated contrast media and conform to a two-compartment model with a rapid distribution and a slower elimination phase. In healthy subjects, the mean distribution and elimination half-lives of iomeprol were 0.5 hours and 1.9 hours respectively.

Distribution volume is similar to that of extra cellular fluid. There is no significant serum protein binding and iomeprol is not metabolized.

Elimination is almost exclusively through the kidneys (90% of the dose recovered in the urine within 96 hours of its administration) and is rapid (50% of an intravascularly administered dose within 2 hours).

5.3 Preclinical Safety Data

Pre-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, toxicity to reproduction.

Results from studies in rats, mice and dogs demonstrate that iomeprol has an acute intravenous or intra-arterial toxicity similar to that of the other non ionic contrast media, as well as a good systemic tolerability after repeated intravenous administrations in rats and dogs.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

trometamol hydrochloric acid water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products. No other drug should be mixed with the contrast medium.

6.3 Shelf Life

Five years

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store below 30°C Protect from light

6.5 Nature and contents of containers

Colourless Type I or Type II glass bottles with rubber/aluminium cap. Quantities of 20, 30, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 or 250 ml of solution.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Bottles containing contrast media solution are not intended for the withdrawal of multiple doses. The rubber stopper should never be pierced more than once. The use of proper withdrawal cannulas for piercing the stopper and drawing up the contrast medium is recommended.

Before use, examine the product to assure that the container and closure have not been damaged. Do not use the solution if it is discolored or particulate matter is present.

The contrast medium should not be drawn into the syringe until immediately before use. Withdrawal of contrast agents from their containers should be accomplished under aseptic conditions with sterile syringes. Sterile techniques must be used with any spinal puncture or intravascular injection, and with catheters and guidewires. If non-disposable equipment is used, scrupulous care should be taken to prevent residual contamination with traces of cleansing agents.

It is desirable that solutions of contrast media for intravascular and intrathecal use should be at body temperature when injected.

Any residue of contrast medium in the syringe must be discarded. Solutions not used in one examination session or waste material, such as the connecting tubes, should be disposed in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER

18920/0006

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF AUTHORISATION

11 December 1992 / 29 December 1998

10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

19 January 2022

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Iomeron 300, solution for injection, multi-dose container

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Contains 61.24% w/v of Iomeprol equivalent to 30% iodine or 300 mg iodine/ml.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection.

A clear colourless to pale yellow solution supplied in glass multi-dose container.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

X-ray contrast medium used for computed tomography enhancement, including CTA (CT Angiography).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

brain	adults	50 - 150ml
	children	*
body	adults	40 - 150ml max 250ml
	children	*

^{*} According to body size and age

In elderly patients the lowest effective dose should be used.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients.

4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use

In consideration of possible complications, the patient should be kept under observation for at least 30 minutes after the examination.

Extreme caution during injection of contrast media is necessary to avoid extravasation.

A normal diet should be maintained until the patient refrains from eating 2 hours before the procedure.

Hydration

Any severe disorders of water and electrolyte balance must be corrected prior to administration. Adequate hydration must be ensured particularly in patients with diabetes mellitus, polyuria, oliguria and hyperuricaemia; also in babies, small children and the elderly. Rehydration prior to use of Iomeprol is recommended in patients with sickle cell disease.

Special population

Hypersensitivity to iodinated contrast media, allergic predisposition

A positive history of allergy, asthma or untoward reaction during previous similar investigations indicates a need for extra caution since, as with other contrast media, this product may provoke anaphylaxis or other manifestations of allergy with nausea, vomiting, dyspnoea, erythema, urticaria and hypotension. The benefits should clearly outweigh the risks in such patients and appropriate resuscitative measures should be immediately available. The primary treatments are as follows:

Effect	Major Symptoms	Primary Treatment
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4.9 Overdose

The effects of overdose on the pulmonary and cardiovascular systems may become lifethreatening. Treatment consists of support of the vital functions and prompt use of symptomatic therapy. Iomeprol does not bind to plasma or serum proteins and is therefore dialyzable.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

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Iomeprol is a low osmolality, non-ionic organic molecule with radio-opacity conferred by an iodine content of 49% of the molecular weight. It is formulated for use as an intravascular/intracavitary/ intrathecal contrast medium in concentrations of up to 400mg iodine per ml. Even at this concentration the low viscosity allows delivery of high doses through thin catheters.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of intravascularly administered Iomeprol are similar to those of other iodinated contrast media and conform to a two-compartment model with a rapid distribution and a slower elimination phase. In healthy subjects, the mean distribution and elimination half-lives of Iomeprol were 0.5 hours and 1.9 hours respectively.

Distribution volume is similar to that of extra cellular fluid. There is no significant serum protein binding and lomeprol is not metabolized.

Elimination is almost exclusively through the kidneys (90% of the dose recovered in the urine within 96 hours of its administration) and is rapid (50% of an intravascularly administered dose within 2 hours).

5.3 Preclinical Safety Data

Pre-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, toxicity to reproduction.

Results from studies in rats, mice and dogs demonstrate that Iomeprol has an acute intravenous or intra-arterial toxicity similar to that of the other non ionic contrast media, as well as a good systemic tolerability after repeated intravenous administrations in rats and dogs.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

trometamol hydrochloric acid water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf Life

Five years

The maximum use time after a bottle stopper has been pierced is 10 hours.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store below 30°C Protect from light

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Colourless type I or type II glass bottles with chlorobutyl or bromobutyl rubber stopper/aluminium cap containing 500 ml of solution.

Boxes of 1, 5 and 6 bottles.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Before use, examine the product to assure that the container and closure have not been damaged. Do not use the solution if it is discolored or particulate matter is present. The stopper should be pierced only once. The use of proper withdrawal cannulas for piercing the stopper and drawing up the contrast medium is recommended. Multi-dose containers should be used only in conjunction with an automatic injector which has been approved for multipatient use.

After each patient, the connector between the injector and the patient should be replaced. All other devices should be replaced following the injector manufacturer's instructions. In any case, strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions. Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

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1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Iomeron 350, solution for injection, multi-dose container

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Contains 71.44% w/v of Iomeprol equivalent to 35% iodine or 350 mg iodine/ml.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection.

A clear colourless to pale yellow solution supplied in glass multi-dose container.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

X-ray contrast medium used for computed tomography enhancement, including CTA (CT Angiography).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

brain	adults	50 - 150ml
	children	*
body	adults	40 - 150ml max 250ml
	children	*

^{*} According to body size and age

In elderly patients the lowest effective dose should be used.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients.

4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use

In consideration of possible complications, the patient should be kept under observation for at least 30 minutes after the examination.

Extreme caution during injection of contrast media is necessary to avoid extravasation.

A normal diet should be maintained until the patient refrains from eating 2 hours before the procedure.

Hydration

Any severe disorders of water and electrolyte balance must be corrected prior to administration. Adequate hydration must be ensured particularly in patients with diabetes mellitus, polyuria, oliguria and hyperuricaemia; also in babies, small children and the elderly. Rehydration prior to use of Iomeprol is recommended in patients with sickle cell disease.

Special population

Hypersensitivity to iodinated contrast media, allergic predisposition

A positive history of allergy, asthma or untoward reaction during previous similar investigations indicates a need for extra caution since, as with other contrast media, this product may provoke anaphylaxis or other manifestations of allergy with nausea, vomiting, dyspnoea, erythema, urticaria and hypotension. The benefits should clearly outweigh the risks in such patients and appropriate resuscitative measures should be

immediately available. The primary treatments are as follows:

Effect	Major Symptoms	Primary Treatment
Vasomotor effect	warmth nausea/vomiting	reassurance
Cutaneous	scattered hives severe urticaria	H ₁ -antihistamines H ₂ -antihistamines
Bronchospastic	wheezing	oxygen Beta-2-agonist inhalers
Anaphylactoid reaction	angioedema urticaria bronchospasm hypotension	oxygen iv fluids adrenergics (iv epinephrine) Inhaled beta-2-adrenergics antihistamines (H ₁ -and H ₂ - blockers) corticosteroids
Hypotensive Vagal reaction	hypotension hypotension bradycardia	iv fluids iv fluids iv atropine

From: Bush WH; The Contrast Media Manual; Katzburg RW Ed.; Williams and Wilkins; Baltimore 1992; Chapter 2 p 23

The risk of bronchospasm-inducing reactions in asthmatic patients is higher after contrast media administration, especially in patients taking beta-blockers.

Hypersensitivity testing

In patients with suspected or known hypersensitivity to contrast media, sensitivity test doses are not recommended, as severe or fatal reactions to contrast media are not predictable from sensitivity test.

Myelomatosis or paraproteinaemias are conditions predisposing to renal impairment following CM administration. The benefits of the use of a contrast-enhanced procedure should be carefully weighed against the possible risk. Adequate hydration and monitoring of renal function are recommended after CM administration.

Cardiovascular diseases

Care should be taken in patients with severe cardiac disease particularly heart failure and coronary artery disease. Cardiac manifestations may include pulmonary oedema, haemodynamic changes, ischaemic ECG changes and arrhythmias. In severe, chronic hypertension the risk of renal damage following administration of a contrast medium is increased.

The product should be used with caution in patients with hyperthyroidism or goitre. Use may interfere with thyroid function tests.

The administration of iodinated contrast media may aggravate myasthenia signs and symptoms.

CNS Disorders

Particular care is needed in patients with acute cerebral infarction, acute intracranial

haemorrhage and any conditions involving damage to the blood brain barrier, brain oedema or acute demyelination. Convulsive seizures are more likely in patients with intracranial tumours or metastases or with a history of epilepsy.

Neurological symptoms related to cerebrovascular diseases, intracranial tumours/metastases or degenerative or inflammatory pathologies may be exacerbated.

There is an increased risk of transient neurological complications in patients with symptomatic cerebrovascular disease eg stroke, transient ischaemic attacks. Cerebral ischaemic phenomena may be caused by intravascular injection.

Anticonvulsant therapy should not be discontinued.

In acute and chronic alcoholism the increase in blood brain barrier permeability facilitates the passage of contrast medium into cerebral tissue possibly leading to CNS disorders. There is a possibility of a reduced seizure threshold in alcoholics.

In patients with a drug addiction there is also the possibility of a reduced seizure threshold.

Patients with phaeochromocytoma may develop severe, occasionally uncontrollable hypertensive crises during intravascular administration. Premedication with an alpha and beta receptor-blocker is recommended in these patients. Pronounced excitement, anxiety and pain can cause side effects or intensify reaction to the contrast medium. A sedative may be given.

Renal failure

In patients with moderate to severe impairment of renal function, attention should be paid to renal function parameters, before re-examining the patient with a contrast media.

Preventive measures include:

- identification of high-risk patients;
- ensuring adequate hydration before CM administration, preferably by maintaining i.v. infusion before and during the procedure and until the CM has been cleared by the kidneys;
- avoiding whenever possible, the administration of nephrotoxic drugs or major surgery or procedure such as renal angioplasty, until the CM has been cleared;

A combination of severe hepatic and renal impairment delays excretion of the contrast medium therefore such patients should not be examined unless absolutely necessary.

Diabetes mellitus

Care should be taken in renal impairment and diabetes. In these patients it is important to maintain hydration in order to minimise deterioration in renal function.

The presence of renal damage in diabetic patients is one of the factors predisposing to renal impairment following contrast media administration. This may precipitate lactic acidosis in patients who are taking metformin (see section 4.5 - Interaction with medicaments and other forms of interaction).

Children: Infants up to 1 year, especially the new-born, are particularly susceptible to electrolyte imbalance and haemodynamic alterations. Care should be taken regarding the dosage used.

Transient hypothyroidism may occur in neonates when the mother or the neonate has received an

iodinated contrast agent. Thyroid function tests (usually TSH and T4) are recommended in neonates

7-10 days and 1 month after exposure to Iomeron especially in preterm neonates.

Elderly:

The elderly are at special risk of reactions due to reduced physiological functions, especially when high dosage of contrast media is used. A combination of neurological disturbances and vascular pathologies present a serious complication. The probability of acute renal insufficiencies is higher in these people.

Intravascular administration should be performed if possible with the patient lying down. The patient should be kept in this position and closely observed for at least 30 minutes after the procedure since the majority of severe incidents occur with this time.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Use of the product may interfere with tests for thyroid function. Vasopressor agents should not be administered prior to Iomeprol.

Treatment with drugs that lower the seizure threshold such as certain neuroleptics (MAO inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants), analeptics, and anti-emetics and phenothiazine derivatives should be discontinued 48 hours before the examination. Treatment should not be resumed until 24 hours post-procedure.

It has been reported that cardiac and/or hypertensive patients under treatment with diuretics, ACE-inhibitors, and/or beta blocking agents are at higher risk of adverse reactions when administered iodinated contrast media.

Beta-blockers may impair the response to treatment of bronchospasm induced by contrast medium.

Patients with normal renal function can continue to take metformin normally. In diabetic patients with diabetic nephropathy, under treatment with metformin and with moderate renal impairment, metformin should be stopped at the time of, or prior to the procedure and withheld for 48 hours subsequent to the procedure and reinstituted only after renal function has been re-evaluated and found to be normal In emergency patients in whom renal function is either impaired or unknown, the physician shall weigh out risk and benefit of an examination with a contrast medium and take precautions. Metformin should be stopped from time of contrast medium administration. After the procedure the patient should be monitored for signs of lactic acidosis. Metformin should be restarted 48 hours after contrast medium if serum creatinine/eGFR is unchanged from the pre-imaging level.

Allergy-like reactions to contrast media are more frequent and may manifest as delayed reactions in patients treated with immuno-modulators, like Interleukin-2 (IL-2).

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Women of childbearing potential

Appropriate investigations and measures should be taken when exposing women of child-bearing potential to any X-ray examination, whether with or without contrast medium.

Pregnancy

Animal studies have not indicated any harmful effects with respect to the course of

pregnancy or on the health of the unborn or neonate. The safety of Iomeprol in human pregnancy however has not been established. Therefore avoid in pregnancy unless there is no safer alternative.

Since, wherever possible, exposure to radiation should be avoided during pregnancy, the benefits of any X ray examination, whether with or without contrast material, should for this reason alone be carefully weighed against the possible risk.

Breastfeeding

No human data exist concerning the excretion of Iomeprol in breast milk. Animal studies have demonstrated that the excretion of Iomeprol in breast milk is similar to that of other contrast agents and that these compounds are only minimally absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract of the young. Adverse effects on the nursing infant are therefore unlikely to occur.

Stopping breastfeeding is unnecessary.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

There is no known effect on the ability to drive and operate machines.

4.8 Undesirable effects

General

The use of iodinated contrast media may cause untoward side effects. They are usually mild to moderate and transient in nature. However, severe and life-threatening reactions sometimes leading to death have been reported. In most cases, reactions occur within minutes of dosing but at times reactions may occur at later time.

Anaphylaxis (anaphylactoid/hypersensitivity reactions) may manifest with various symptoms, and rarely does any one patient develop all the symptoms. Typically, in 1 to 15 min (but rarely after as long as 2 h), the patient complains of feeling abnormal, agitation, flushing, feeling hot, sweating increased, dizziness, increased lacrimation, rhinitis, palpitations, paresthesia, pruritus, sore throat and throat tightness, dysphagia, cough, sneezing, urticaria, erythema, mild localised oedema, angioneurotic oedema and dyspnoea due to glottic/laryngeal/pharyngeal oedema and/or spasm manifesting with wheezing, and bronchospasm.

Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhoea are also reported.

These reactions, which can occur independently of the dose administered or the route of administration, may represent the first signs of circulatory collapse.

Administration of the contrast medium must be discontinued immediately and, if needed, appropriate specific treatment urgently initiated via venous access.

Severe reactions involving the cardiovascular system, such as vasodilatation, with pronounced hypotension, tachycardia, dyspnoea, agitation, cyanosis and loss of consciousness progressing to respiratory and/or cardiac arrest may result in death. These events can occur rapidly and require full and aggressive cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Primary circulatory collapse can occur as the only and/or initial presentation without respiratory symptoms or without other signs or symptoms outlined above.

The adverse reactions reported in clinical trials among 4,903 adult patients and from post-marketing surveillance are represented in the tables below by frequency and classified by MedDRA system organ class.

Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing

seriousness.

Adult patients involved in clinical trials with intravascular administration of Iomeprol were 4,515.

Adults

	Adverse	Reactions		
	Clinical Trials			Post-marketing Surveillance
System Organ Class	Common (≥1/100 t o <1/10)	Uncommon (≥1/1000 to <1/100)	Rare (≥1/10,000 to <1/1000)	Frequency unknown*
Blood and lymphatic system disorders				Thrombocytopenia, Haemolytic anaemia
Immune system disorders				Anaphylactoid reaction
Psychiatric disorders				Anxiety Confusional state
Nervous system disorders		Headache Dizziness	Presyncope	Coma Transient ischaemic attack Paralysis Syncope Convulsion Loss of consciousness Dysarthria Paraesthesia Amnesia Somnolence Taste abnormality
Eye disorders Cardiac disorders			Bradycardia Tachycardia	Blindness transient Visual disturbance Conjunctivitis Lacrimation increased Photopsia Cardiac arrest Myocardial infarction Cardiac failure Angina pectoris Arrhythmia Ventricular or atrial fibrillation Atrioventricular block Extrasystoles Palpitations Cyanosis
Vascular disorders		Hypertension	Hypotension	Circulatory collapse or

				shock Hot flush Flushing Pallor
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders		Dyspnoea		Respiratory arrest Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) Pulmonary oedema Laryngeal oedema Pharyngeal oedema Bronchospasm Asthma Cough Hyperventilation Pharynx discomfort Laryngeal discomfort Rhinitis Dysphonia
Gastrointestinal disorders		Nausea Vomiting		Diarrhoea Abdominal pain Salivary hypersecretion Dysphagia Salivary gland enlargement
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders		Erythema Urticaria Pruritus	Rash	Acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis Angioedema Cold sweat Sweating increased
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorder			Back pain	Arthralgia
Renal and urinary disorders				Renal failure
General disorders and administration site conditions	Feeling hot	Chest pain Injection site warmth and pain	Asthenia Rigors Pyrexia	Injection site reaction** Coldness local Fatigue Malaise Thirst
Investigations			Blood creatinine increased	Electrocardiogram ST segment elevation Electrocardiogram abnormal

^{*} Since the reactions were not observed during clinical trials with 4515 patients, best estimate is that their relative occurrence is rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to <1/1000).

The most appropriate MedDRA term is used to describe a certain reaction and its symptoms and related conditions.

** Injection site reactions comprise injection site pain and swelling. In the majority of cases they are due to extravasation of contrast medium. These reactions are usually transient and result in recovery without sequelae. Cases of extravasation with inflammation, skin necrosis and even development of compartment syndrome have been reported.

As with other iodinated contrast media, very rare cases of mucocutaneous syndromes, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis (Lyell syndrome) and erythema multiforme, have been reported following the administration of Iomeprol injection.

Paediatric patients

There is limited experience with paediatric patients. The clinical trial paediatric safety database comprises 167 patients.

The Iomeprol safety profile is similar in children and adults.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme

Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

4.9 Overdose

The effects of overdose on the pulmonary and cardiovascular systems may become lifethreatening. Treatment consists of support of the vital functions and prompt use of symptomatic therapy. Iomeprol does not bind to plasma or serum proteins and is therefore dialyzable.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

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Iomeprol is a low osmolality, non-ionic organic molecule with radio-opacity conferred by an iodine content of 49% of the molecular weight. It is formulated for use as an intravascular/intracavitary/ intrathecal contrast medium in concentrations of up to 400mg iodine per ml. Even at this concentration the low viscosity allows delivery of high doses through thin catheters.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of intravascularly administered Iomeprol are similar to those of other iodinated contrast media and conform to a two-compartment model with a rapid distribution and a slower elimination phase. In healthy subjects, the mean distribution and elimination half-lives of Iomeprol were 0.5 hours and 1.9 hours respectively.

Distribution volume is similar to that of extra cellular fluid. There is no significant serum protein binding and Iomeprol is not metabolized.

Elimination is almost exclusively through the kidneys (90% of the dose recovered in the urine within 96 hours of its administration) and is rapid (50% of an intravascularly administered dose within 2 hours).

5.3 Preclinical Safety Data

Pre-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, toxicity to reproduction.

Results from studies in rats, mice and dogs demonstrate that Iomeprol has an acute intravenous or intra-arterial toxicity similar to that of the other non ionic contrast media, as well as a good systemic tolerability after repeated intravenous administrations in rats and dogs.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

trometamol hydrochloric acid water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf Life

Five years

The maximum use time after a bottle stopper has been pierced is 10 hours.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store below 30°C Protect from light

6.5 Nature and contents of containers

Colourless type I or type II glass bottles with chlorobutyl or bromobutyl rubber stopper/aluminium cap containing 500 ml of solution.

Boxes of 1, 5 and 6 bottles.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Before use, examine the product to assure that the container and closure have not been damaged. Do not use the solution if it is discolored or particulate matter is present. The stopper should be pierced only once. The use of proper withdrawal cannulas for piercing the stopper and drawing up the contrast medium is recommended. Multi-dose containers should be used only in conjunction with an automatic injector which has been approved for multipatient use.

After each patient, the connector between the injector and the patient should be replaced. All other devices should be replaced following the injector manufacturer's instructions. In any case, strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

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1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Iomeron 400, solution for injection, multi-dose container

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Contains 81.65% w/v of Iomeprol equivalent to 40% iodine or 400 mg iodine/ml.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection.

A clear colourless to pale yellow solution supplied in glass multi-dose container.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

X-ray contrast medium used for computed tomography enhancement, including CTA (CT Angiography).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

computed tomography		
body	adults	40 - 150ml max 250ml
	children	*

^{*} According to body size and age

In elderly patients the lowest effective dose should be used.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients.

4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use

In consideration of possible complications, the patient should be kept under observation for at least 30 minutes after the examination.

Extreme caution during injection of contrast media is necessary to avoid extravasation.

A normal diet should be maintained until the patient refrains from eating 2 hours before the procedure.

Hydration

Any severe disorders of water and electrolyte balance must be corrected prior to administration. Adequate hydration must be ensured particularly in patients with diabetes mellitus, polyuria, oliguria and hyperuricaemia; also in babies, small children and the elderly. Rehydration prior to use of Iomeprol is recommended in patients with sickle cell disease.

Special population

Hypersensitivity to iodinated contrast media, allergic predisposition

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Hypotensive Vagal reaction	hypotension hypotension bradycardia	iv fluids iv fluids iv atropine

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Hypersensitivity testing

In patients with suspected or known hypersensitivity to contrast media, sensitivity test doses are not recommended, as severe or fatal reactions to contrast media are not predictable from sensitivity test.

Myelomatosis or paraproteinaemias are conditions predisposing to renal impairment following CM administration. The benefits of the use of a contrast-enhanced procedure should be carefully weighed against the possible risk. Adequate hydration and monitoring of renal function are recommended after CM administration.

Cardiovascular diseases

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Renal failure

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A combination of severe hepatic and renal impairment delays excretion of the contrast medium therefore such patients should not be examined unless absolutely necessary.

Diabetes mellitus

Care should be taken in renal impairment and diabetes. In these patients it is important to maintain hydration in order to minimise deterioration in renal function.

The presence of renal damage in diabetic patients is one of the factors predisposing to renal impairment following contrast media administration. This may precipitate lactic acidosis in patients who are taking metformin (see section 4.5 - Interaction with medicaments and other forms of interaction).

Children: Infants up to 1 year, especially the newborn, are particularly susceptible to electrolyte imbalance and haemodynamic alterations. Care should be taken regarding the dosage used.

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7-10 days and 1 month after exposure to Iomeron especially in preterm neonates.

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Patients with normal renal function can continue to take metformin normally. In diabetic patients with diabetic nephropathy, under treatment with metformin and with moderate

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4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Women of childbearing potential

Appropriate investigations and measures should be taken when exposing women of child-bearing potential to any X-ray examination, whether with or without contrast medium.

<u>Pregnancy</u>

Animal studies have not indicated any harmful effects with respect to the course of pregnancy or on the health of the unborn or neonate. The safety of Iomeprol in human pregnancy however has not been established. Therefore avoid in pregnancy unless there is no safer alternative.

Since, wherever possible, exposure to radiation should be avoided during pregnancy, the benefits of any X ray examination, whether with or without contrast material, should for this reason alone be carefully weighed against the possible risk.

Breastfeeding

No human data exist concerning the excretion of Iomeprol in breast milk. Animal studies have demonstrated that the excretion of Iomeprol in breast milk is similar to that of other contrast agents and that these compounds are only minimally absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract of the young. Adverse effects on the nursing infant are therefore unlikely to occur.

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4.8 Undesirable effects

General

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Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhoea are also reported.

These reactions, which can occur independently of the dose administered or the route of administration, may represent the first signs of circulatory collapse.

Administration of the contrast medium must be discontinued immediately and, if needed, appropriate specific treatment urgently initiated via venous access.

Severe reactions involving the cardiovascular system, such as vasodilatation, with pronounced hypotension, tachycardia, dyspnoea, agitation, cyanosis and loss of consciousness progressing to respiratory and/or cardiac arrest may result in death. These events can occur rapidly and require full and aggressive cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Primary circulatory collapse can occur as the only and/or initial presentation without respiratory symptoms or without other signs or symptoms outlined above.

The adverse reactions reported in clinical trials among 4,903 adult patients and from post-marketing surveillance are represented in the tables below by frequency and classified by MedDRA system organ class.

Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Adult patients involved in clinical trials with intravascular administration of Iomeprol were 4,515.

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	Adverse Reactions				
	Clinical Trials			Post-marketing Surveillance Frequency unknown*	
System Organ Class	Common (≥1/100 to to to <1/10)				
Blood and lymphatic system disorders				Thrombocytopenia, Haemolytic anaemia	
lmmune system disorders				Anaphylactoid reaction	
Psychiatric disorders				Anxiety Confusional state	
Nervous system disorders		Headache Dizziness	Presyncope	Coma Transient ischaemic attack Paralysis Syncope Convulsion Loss of consciousness Dysarthria Paraesthesia	

tissue disorders	Urticaria Pruritus		exanthematous pustulosis
Gastrointestinal disorders Skin and subcutaneous	Nausea Vomiting Erythema	Rash	Diarrhoea Abdominal pain Salivary hypersecretion Dysphagia Salivary gland enlargement Acute generalized
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Dyspnoea		Hot flush Flushing Pallor Respiratory arrest Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) Pulmonary oedema Laryngeal oedema Pharyngeal oedema Bronchospasm Asthma Cough Hyperventilation Pharynx discomfort Laryngeal discomfort Rhinitis Dysphonia
Cardiac disorders Vascular disorders	Hypertension	Bradycardia Tachycardia Hypotension	Visual disturbance Conjunctivitis Lacrimation increased Photopsia Cardiac arrest Myocardial infarction Cardiac failure Angina pectoris Arrhythmia Ventricular or atrial fibrillation Atrioventricular block Extrasystoles Palpitations Cyanosis Circulatory collapse or shock
Eye disorders			Amnesia Somnolence Taste abnormality Blindness transient

				Angioedema Cold sweat Sweating increased
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorder			Back pain	Arthralgia
Renal and urinary disorders				Renal failure
General disorders and administration site conditions	Feeling hot	Chest pain Injection site warmth and pain	Asthenia Rigors Pyrexia	Injection site reaction** Coldness local Fatigue Malaise Thirst
Investigations			Blood creatinine increased	Electrocardiogram ST segment elevation Electrocardiogram abnormal

^{*} Since the reactions were not observed during clinical trials with 4515 patients, best estimate is that their relative occurrence is rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to <1/1000). The most appropriate MedDRA term is used to describe a certain reaction and its symptoms and related conditions.

As with other iodinated contrast media, very rare cases of mucocutaneous syndromes, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis (Lyell syndrome) and erythema multiforme, have been reported following the administration of Iomeprol injection.

Paediatric patients

There is limited experience with paediatric patients. The clinical trial paediatric safety database comprises 167 patients.

The Iomeprol safety profile is similar in children and adults.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme

Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

4.9 Overdose

The effects of overdose on the pulmonary and cardiovascular systems may become lifethreatening. Treatment consists of support of the vital functions and prompt use of

^{**} Injection site reactions comprise injection site pain and swelling. In the majority of cases they are due to extravasation of contrast medium. These reactions are usually transient and result in recovery without sequelae. Cases of extravasation with inflammation, skin necrosis and even development of compartment syndrome have been reported.

symptomatic therapy. Iomeprol does not bind to plasma or serum proteins and is therefore dialyzable.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

ATC code: V08AB10

Iomeprol is a low osmolality, non-ionic organic molecule with radio-opacity conferred by an iodine content of 49% of the molecular weight. It is formulated for use as an intravascular/intracavitary/ intrathecal contrast medium in concentrations of up to 400mg iodine per ml. Even at this concentration the low viscosity allows delivery of high doses through thin catheters.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of intravascularly administered Iomeprol are similar to those of other iodinated contrast media and conform to a two-compartment model with a rapid distribution and a slower elimination phase. In healthy subjects, the mean distribution and elimination half-lives of Iomeprol were 0.5 hours and 1.9 hours respectively.

Distribution volume is similar to that of extra cellular fluid. There is no significant serum protein binding and Iomeprol is not metabolized.

Elimination is almost exclusively through the kidneys (90% of the dose recovered in the urine within 96 hours of its administration) and is rapid (50% of an intravascularly administered dose within 2 hours).

5.3 Preclinical Safety Data

Pre-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, toxicity to reproduction.

Results from studies in rats, mice and dogs demonstrate that Iomeprol has an acute intravenous or intra-arterial toxicity similar to that of the other non ionic contrast media, as well as a good systemic tolerability after repeated intravenous administrations in rats and dogs.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

trometamol hydrochloric acid water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf Life

Five years

The maximum use time after a bottle stopper has been pierced is 10 hours.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store below 30°C

6.5 Nature and contents of containers

Colourless type I or type II glass bottles with chlorobutyl or bromobutyl rubber stopper/aluminium cap containing 500 ml of solution.

Boxes of 1, 5 and 6 bottles.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Before use, examine the product to assure that the container and closure have not been damaged. Do not use the solution if it is discolored or particulate matter is present. The stopper should be pierced only once. The use of proper withdrawal cannulas for piercing the stopper and drawing up the contrast medium is recommended. Multi-dose containers should be used only in conjunction with an automatic injector which has been approved for multipatient use.

After each patient, the connector between the injector and the patient should be replaced. All other devices should be replaced following the injector manufacturer's instructions. In any case, strictly follow the manufacturer's instructions. Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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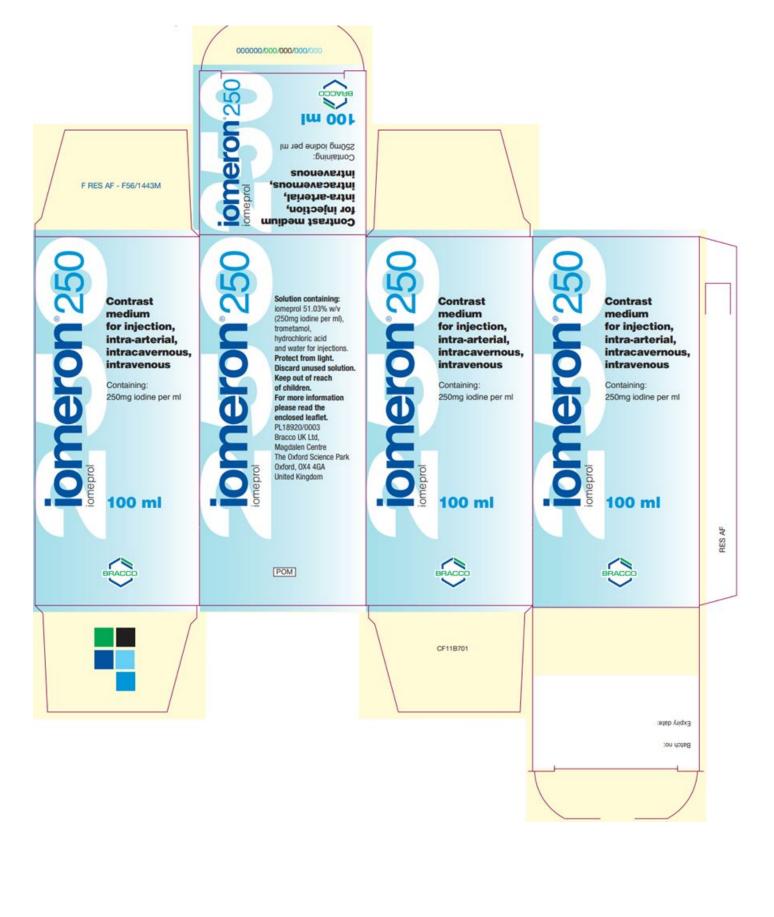
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Product Information

Product Type HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG Item Code (Source) NDC:76381-725

Route of Administration INTRAVASCULAR

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

HYDROCHLORIC ACID (UNII: QTT17582CB)

Ingredient Name
Basis of Strength
IOMEPROL (UNII: 17E17JBP8L) (IOMEPROL - UNII:17E17JBP8L)
IOMEPROL
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Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name Strength
TROMETHAMINE (UNII: 023C2WHX2V)

WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)

Product Characteristics

Color	YELLOW	Score
Shape		Size
Flavor		Imprint Code
Contains		

Packaging

#	tem Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:76381- 725-10	56 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
1		100 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

Marketing Information					
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date		
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Product Information

Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:76381-730
Route of Administration	INTRAVAS CULAR		

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
IOMEPROL (UNII: 17E17JBP8L) (IOMEPROL - UNII:17E17JBP8L)	IOMEPROL	612 mg in 1 mL

Inactive Ingredients

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Ingredient Name	Strength		
TROMETHAMINE (UNII: 023C2WHX2V)			
HYDROCHLORIC ACID (UNII: QTT17582CB)			
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)			

Product Characteristics

Color	YELLOW	Score	
Shape		Size	
Flavor		Imprint Code	
Contains			

	Packaging				
	# Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date	
	NDC:76381- 730-10	56 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022		
П		100 mL in 1 BOTTLE GLASS: Type 0: Not a			

1		Combination Product		
2	NDC:76381- 730-20	10 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
2		200 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

Marketing Information			
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
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Product Information				
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:76381-735	
Route of Administration	INTRAVAS CULAR			

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety			
Ingredient Name Basis of Strength Strengt			
IOMEPROL (UNII: 17E17JBP8L) (IOMEPROL - UNII:17E17JBP8L)	IOMEPROL	714 mg in 1 mL	

Inactive Ingredients		
Ingredient Name	Strength	
TROMETHAMINE (UNII: 023C2WHX2V)		
HYDROCHLORIC ACID (UNII: QTT17582CB)		
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)		

Product Characteristics				
Color	YELLOW	Score		
Shape		Size		
Flavor		Imprint Code		
Contains				

P	Packaging			
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:76381- 735-10	56 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
1		100 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
	NDC-76201			

2	ирс: / 6381- 735-15	30 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
2		150 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
3	NDC:76381- 735-20	10 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
3		200 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

Marketing Information				
Marketing Category Application Number or Marketing Start Marketing E Monograph Citation Date Date				
Unapproved drug for use in drug shortage		07/01/2022		

Product Information				
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:76381-740	
Route of Administration	INTRAVAS CULAR			

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength		
IOMEPROL (UNII: 17E17JBP8L) (IOMEPROL - UNII:17E17JBP8L)	IOMEPROL	816 mg in 1 mL		

Inactive Ingredients				
Ingredient Name	Strength			
TROMETHAMINE (UNII: 023C2WHX2V)				
HYDROCHLORIC ACID (UNII: QTT17582CB)				
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)				

Product Characteristics				
Color	YELLOW	Score		
Shape		Size		
Flavor		Imprint Code		
Contains				

P	Packaging				
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date	
1	NDC:76381- 740-10	10 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022		

1		100 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
2	NDC:76381- 740-13	56 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
2		100 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
3	NDC:76381- 740-16	100 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
3		100 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
4	NDC:76381- 740-20	30 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
4		200 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

Marketing Information			
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
Unapproved drug for use in drug shortage		07/01/2022	

Product Information				
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:76381-930	
Route of Administration	INTRAVAS CULAR			

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength		
IOMEPROL (UNII: 17E17JBP8L) (IOMEPROL - UNII:17E17JBP8L)	IOMEPROL	612 mg in 1 mL		

Inactive Ingredients				
Ingredient Name	Strength			
TROMETHAMINE (UNII: 023C2WHX2V)				
HYDROCHLORIC ACID (UNII: QTT17582CB)				
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)				

Product Characteristics			
Color	YELLOW	Score	
Shape		Size	
Flavor		Imprint Code	
Contains			

P	Packaging				
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date	
1	NDC:76381- 930-06	6 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022		
1		500 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product			

Marketing Information				
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date	
Unapproved drug for use in drug shortage		07/01/2022		

Product Information			
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:76381-935
Route of Administration	INTRAVAS CULAR		

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety		
Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
IOMEPROL (UNII: 17E17JBP8L) (IOMEPROL - UNII:17E17JBP8L)	IOMEPROL	714 mg in 1 mL

Inactive Ingredients		
Ingredient Name	Strength	
TROMETHAMINE (UNII: 023C2WHX2V)		
HYDROCHLORIC ACID (UNII: QTT17582CB)		
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)		

Product Characteristics				
Color	YELLOW	Score		
Shape		Size		
Flavor		Imprint Code		
Contains				

Packaging				
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:76381- 935-06	6 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	

1		500 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
	NDC:76381- 935-09	9 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022	
2		500 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

Marketing Information				
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date	
Unapproved drug for use in drug shortage		07/01/2022		

Product Information				
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:76381-940	
Route of Administration	INTRAVAS CULAR			

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety		
Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
IOMEPROL (UNII: 17E17JBP8L) (IOMEPROL - UNII:17E17JBP8L)	IOMEPROL	816 mg in 1 mL

Inactive Ingredients			
Ingredient Name	Strength		
TROMETHAMINE (UNII: 023C2WHX2V)			
HYDROCHLORIC ACID (UNII: QTT17582CB)			
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)			

Product Characteristics				
Color	YELLOW	Score		
Shape		Size		
Flavor		Imprint Code		
Contains				

Packaging						
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date		
1	NDC:76381- 940-01	9 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022			
1		500 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product				

2	NDC:76381- 940-03	9 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022
2		500 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product	
3	NDC:76381- 940-06	6 in 1 BOX	07/01/2022
3		500 mL in 1 BOTTLE, GLASS; Type 0: Not a Combination Product	

Marketing Information				
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date	
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