



ADR

Tip of the Month

Iodinated Contrast Media and Risk of Hypothyroidism

Health Canada released a safety alert detailing the potential risk of hypothyroidism associated with the use of iodinated contrast media (ICM).

Rare cases of hypothyroidism following ICM exposure have been reported, particularly in term and preterm infants.

Hypothyroidism in infants may be harmful for growth and development, including mental development.

Physicians should evaluate and monitor thyroid function in infants exposed to ICM, and if abnormal, continue to monitor until it has normalized.

Health Canada is currently working with the ICM manufacturers to update and harmonize the prescribing information for all ICM products to include this safety information.

For more information:

<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2017/63086a-eng.php>

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/reviews-examens/icm-pci-eng.php>

***Please report all suspected
adverse drug reactions (ADRs).***