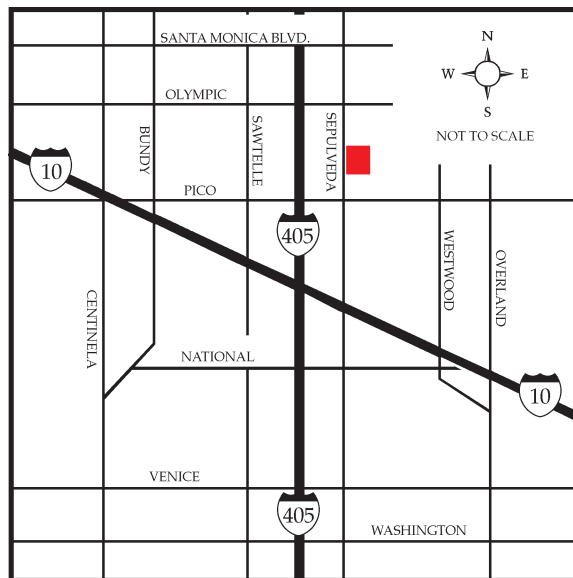




2340 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90064



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
### From the North:

Proceed South on the  to the Olympic Blvd/Pico Blvd exit. At the bottom of the offramp turn left onto Sawtelle Blvd. Proceed 0.12 miles to W. Pico Blvd. Turn left onto W. Pico Blvd and proceed 0.23 miles to S. Sepulveda Blvd. Turn left onto Sepulveda Blvd and proceed 0.09 miles.


### From the South:

Proceed North on the  to the National Blvd exit. Turn right onto National Blvd and proceed 0.06 miles to Sepulveda Blvd. Turn left onto Sepulveda Blvd and proceed 0.85 miles.

### From the East:

Proceed West on the  to Overland Blvd.exit. Continue straight on the exit to go onto National Blvd. and proceed 0.75 miles to Sepulveda Blvd. Turn right onto Sepulveda Blvd and proceed 0.85 miles.

### From the West:

Proceed East on the  to exit number 2 towards Centinella Ave. Merge onto Pico Blvd. proceed on Pico Blvd for 1.29 miles to Sepulveda Blvd. Turn left onto Sepulveda Blvd. and proceed 0.09 miles.

**The building is on the right side of the street and the sign reads "Animal Medical Center of southern California".**





Thank you for scheduling an appointment to have your cat treated with radioiodine at our facility. In an effort to ensure the optimal treatment experience for both you and your cat, please observe the following instructions.

1.) In general we request that you please discontinue methimazole (Tapazole) administration for 1 week before your cat's appointment. However, cats with severe thyroid hormone elevations ( $T_4 \geq 20 \mu\text{g/dl}$ ) or cats on chronic ( $\geq 1$  year) methimazole therapy for hyperthyroidism may suffer significant cardiovascular decompensation upon withdrawal of methimazole. To avoid the potential for possibly life threatening cardiovascular decompensation, cats managed with methimazole in excess of 1 year, or cats with total  $T_4$  levels in excess of  $20 \mu\text{g/dl}$  should discontinue methimazole administration **only 1 day prior** to their appointment for radioiodine therapy. If your cat is currently taking a diuretic (e.g. furosemide) for symptoms of congestive heart failure, please consult with your DVM before discontinuing methimazole administration. Most medications other than methimazole should be continued up until admission for radioiodine therapy. All adjustments in patient medication should be made under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian familiar with the care of hyperthyroidism and its potential complications.

2.) If your cat is on other medications that you want us to administer to her during her hospitalization for radioiodine therapy, please bring these medications with you. Please provide any medications you want us to administer in their original, labeled prescription vials as provided to you by your veterinarian or the pharmacy that filled the prescription. This will ensure that the correct medication and dosage are administered. We do NOT administer medications provided in plastic baggies, zip lock bags or other similar containers. Please do not bring dietary supplements to add to your cat's food as these can decrease palatability and result in reduced food consumption during her stay with us. You can resume administration of any dietary supplements once your cat is back at home.

3.) If your referring veterinarian provided you with copies of current laboratory results or diagnostic imaging studies (including radiographs or ultrasounds) for your cat, please bring these with you to your cat's admission appointment.

4.) If you have questions regarding your cat's treatment and want to get additional information before your appointment, please visit our web page. You may find the following link useful:

<http://www.avmi.net/resources/client-resources/hyperthyroidism/>

5.) Small personal items including cat toys and blankets may be provided for us to include in your cat's cat cottage. Please be advised that these items will **not** be returned to you at discharge.

\*please note that we cannot accept large items such as pet beds, or stuffed animals due to space restrictions.

6.) Cats admitted for  $^{131}\text{I}$  treatment in the Los Angeles office are transported to the Orange County office for the actual treatment and majority of their hospitalization. This transportation typically takes place on the evening of the day they are admitted for the  $^{131}\text{I}$  treatment and is provided at no charge. These cats are transported back to the LA office for their release on the morning of their discharge appointment. Cats without scheduled discharge appointments by 9 AM on the day of their availability for discharge, will not be returned to the LA office on that day.