# IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUREAU OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING DES MOINES, IOWA 50319

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IDPH INFORMATION NOTICE 2013-04 Clarification of licensing requirements for the use of Radium-223 dichloride (223 RaCl<sub>2</sub>)

#### **ADDRESSEES**

All material licensees that are authorized to perform therapeutic procedures using radiopharmaceuticals.

## **PURPOSE**

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing this information notice (IN) to clarify the licensing requirements for the medical use of Radium-223 dichloride (<sup>223</sup>RaCl<sub>2</sub>) under Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 641-41.2(37).

### **DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

Since the issuance of IDPH Information Notice 2013-03, this office has received several questions and inquiries regarding the licensing for Radium-223 dichloride (<sup>223</sup>RaCl<sub>2</sub>) for medical use in Iowa.

#### DISCUSSION

Licensees authorized in accordance with IAC 641-41.2(37), "Use of unsealed by-product material for which a written directive is required" with no restrictions and Authorized Users trained in accordance with IAC 641-41.2(69), "Training for use of unsealed by-product material for which a written directive is required" who are listed on the specific radioactive materials license as an authorized user for IAC 641-41.2(37) with no restrictions are authorized for the medical use of <sup>223</sup>RaCl<sub>2</sub>. Any restrictions identified on a radioactive materials license for medical use of unsealed byproduct material under IAC 641-41.2(37) or restrictions on an authorized user would require an amendment to the radioactive materials license in order to be authorized for the medical use of <sup>223</sup>RaCl<sub>2</sub>

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## **CONTACT**

This Information Notice requires a written response. Any material licensee who is currently performing therapeutic procedures using Radium-223 dichloride and any material licensee wishing to perform these procedures must notify this office of the use or intent to use Radium-223 dichloride. This office will review the radioactive materials license for the licensee and make a determination whether or not the licensee is authorized for such procedures. IDPH will then inform the licensee, in writing, of the approval or disapproval for the use of Radium-223 dichloride.

Licensees must reply to this Information Notice no later than October 1, 2013, of either their current use of Radium-223 dichloride or intended use of the product.

If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please contact this office.

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