







## IODIDE AND PERCHLORATE BLOCK UPTAKE OF RADIOIODINE TO PREVENT THYROID CANCER, BUT YOUNGER PEOPLE REQUIRE HIGHER DOSES

perchlorate was sixfold more potent than iodide (4). It is unfortunate that doses of perchlorate lower than 1000 mg were not tested by Hänscheid and colleagues before administration of the radioiodine in order to determine what dose of perchlorate would be as effective as 100 mg of KI when given beforehand. The

in vitro cell model also showed that incubation with blocking anions less than 1 hour after incubation of the cells with  $^{131}\text{I}$  was much less effective in preventing the DNA damage that is a precursor to cancer (4).

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