AK-FLUOR®
fluorescein injection, USP, 10% and 25%

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use AK-FLUOR® 10% and AK-FLUOR® 25% safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for the products in AK-FLUOR® 10% and AK-FLUOR® 25%.

AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) 10%
AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) 25%

Intravenous Injection
Initial U.S. Approval: 1976

INDICATIONS AND USAGE
AK-FLUOR® is indicated in diagnostic fluorescein angiography or angiography of the retina and iris vasculature. (1)

DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION
• The normal adult dose of AK-FLUOR® 10% is 5 mL (500 mg) and of AK-FLUOR® 25% is 2 mL (500 mg) via intravenous administration. (2.1)
• For children, the dose should be calculated on the basis of 35 mg for each ten pounds of body weight (7.7 mg/kg body weight). (2.2)
• Do not mix or dilute with other solutions or drugs. (2.2)

DOSE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
AK-FLUOR® is available as fluorescein injection, USP, 10% and 25% safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for the products (3).

CONTRAINdications
• AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) 10%, 100 mg/mL in a 5 mL single-dose vial (3)
• AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) 25%, 250 mg/mL in a 2 mL single-dose vial (3)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
• Hypersensitivity to any component of this product. (4.1)

ADVERSE REACTIONS
The most common adverse reactions include skin discoloration, urine discoloration, nausea, vomiting, and gastrointestinal distress. To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Akorn at 1-800-932-5676 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
Caution should be exercised when fluorescein sodium is administered to a nursing woman. (8.3)

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE
AK-FLUOR® 10% (100 mg/mL) and 25% (250 mg/mL) is indicated in diagnostic fluorescein angiography or angiography of the retina and iris vasculature.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
2.1 Dosing
Adult Dose
The recommended dosage of AK-FLUOR® 10% (100 mg/mL) and of 25% (250 mg/mL) is 500 mg via intravenous administration.

Pediatric Dose
For children, the dose is 7.7 mg/kg (actual body weight) up to a maximum of 500 mg, via intravenous infusion calculated on the basis of 35 mg for each 10 lbs. (4.54 kg) of body weight.

2.2 Preparation for Administration
Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not mix or dilute with other solutions or drugs.

2.3 Administration
Inject the dose (over 5-10 seconds is normally recommended) into the antecubital vein, after taking precautions to avoid extravasation. A syringe, filled with AK-FLUOR® may be attached to transparent tubing and a 23 gauge butterfly needle for injection. Insert the needle and draw the patient’s blood to the hub of the syringe so that a small air bubble separates the patient’s blood in the tubing from the fluorescein. With the room lights on, slowly inject the blood back into the vein while watching the skin over the needle tip. If the needle has extravasated, the patient’s blood will be seen to bulge the skin and the injection should be stopped before any fluorescein is injected. When assured that extravasation has not occurred, the room light may be turned off and the fluorescein injection completed. Luminescence usually appears in the retina and choroidal vessels in 7 to 14 seconds and can be observed by standard viewing equipment.

Reduction in dose from 500 mg to 200 mg of AK-FLUOR® 10% may be appropriate in cases where a highly sensitive imaging system e.g., scanning laser ophthalmoscope is used.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) 10%, 100 mg/mL in a 5 mL single-dose vial.
AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) 25%, 250 mg/mL in a 2 mL single-dose vial.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS
AK-FLUOR® is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to fluorescein sodium or any other ingredients in this product. Rare cases of death due to anaphylaxis have been reported. [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Adverse Reactions (6.2)].

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
5.1 Respiratory reactions
Caution should be exercised when fluorescein sodium is administered to a nursing woman. If a potential allergy is suspected, an intradermal skin test may be performed prior to intravenous administration, i.e., 0.05 mL injected intradermally to be evaluated 30 to 60 minutes following injection. Given the sensitivity and specificity of skin testing, a negative skin test is not proof that a patient is not allergic to fluorescein.

5.2 Severe local tissue damage
Extravasation during injection can result in severe local tissue damage due to the high pH of fluorescein solution. The following complications resulting from extravasation of fluorescein have been noted to occur: Sloughing of the skin, superficial phlebitis, subcutaneous granuloma, and toxic neuritis along the median nerve in the antecubital area. Complications resulting from extravasation can cause severe pain in the arm for up to several hours. When extravasation occurs, the injection should be discontinued and conservative measures to treat damaged tissue and to relieve pain should be implemented. [see Administration (2.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.6)].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS
6.1 Skin and Urine Discoloration
The most common reaction is discoloration of the skin and urine. Skin will attain a temporary slight yellowish discoloration. Urine attains a bright yellow color. Discoloration of the skin usually fades in 6 to 12 hours and usually fades in urine in 24 to 36 hours.

6.2 Gastrointestinal Reactions
The next most common adverse reaction is nausea. Vomiting and gastrointestinal distress have also occurred. A strong taste may develop after injection.

6.3 Hypersensitivity Reactions
Symptoms and signs of hypersensitivity have occurred. Generalized hives and itching, bronchospasm and anaphylaxis have been reported. [see Contraindications (4.1) and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].
6.4 Cardiopulmonary Reactions
Syncope and hypotension may occur. Cardiac arrest, basilar artery ischemia, severe shock and death may occur rarely. [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

6.5 Neurologic Reactions
Headache may occur. Convulsions may rarely occur following injection.

6.6 Thrombophlebitis
Thrombophlebitis at the injection site has been reported. Extravasation of the solution at the injection site causes intense pain at the site and a dull aching pain in the injected arm. [see Administration (2.3) and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
8.1 Pregnancy
Pregnancy Category C. Adequate animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with fluorescein sodium. It is also not known whether fluorescein sodium can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Fluorescein sodium should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

8.3 Nursing Mothers
Fluorescein sodium has been demonstrated to be excreted in human milk. Caution should be exercised when fluorescein sodium is administered to a nursing woman.

8.4 Pediatric Use
Pediatric patients have been included in clinical studies. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness have been observed between pediatric and adult patients.

8.5 Geriatric Use
No overall differences in safety or effectiveness have been observed between elderly and other adult patients.

11 DESCRIPTION
AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) is a sterile solution for use intravenously as a diagnostic aid. It is a dark reddish orange solution with a pH of 8.3 to 9.8 and an osmolality of 572 to 858 mOsm/kg for the 10% and 1800 to 2200 mOsm/kg for the 25%. Its chemical name is spiro(isobenzofuran-1 (3H),9’-[8H]xanthen)-3-one,3’6’-dihydroxy, disodium salt. The active ingredient is represented by the chemical structure:

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\text{MW} = 376.27
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AK-FLUOR® 10% contains:
Active: fluorescein sodium (equivalent to fluorescein 10% w/v, 100 mg/mL)
Inactives: Sodium Hydroxide and/or Hydrochloric Acid may be used to adjust pH (8.3 to 9.8), and Water for Injection.

AK-FLUOR® 25% contains:
Active: fluorescein sodium (equivalent to fluorescein 25% w/v, 250 mg/mL)
Inactives: Sodium Hydroxide and/or Hydrochloric Acid may be used to adjust pH (8.3 to 9.8), and Water for Injection.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
12.1 Mechanism of Action
Fluorescein sodium responds to electromagnetic radiation and light between the wavelengths of 465 to 490 nm and fluoresces, i.e., emits light at wavelengths of 530 to 530 nm. Thus, the hydrocarbon is excited by blue light and emits light that appears yellowish-green. Following intravenous injection of fluorescein sodium in an aqueous solution, the unbound fraction of the fluorescein can be excited with a blue light flash from a fundus camera as it circulates through the ocular vasculature, and the yellowish-green fluorescence of the dye is captured by the camera. In the fundus, the fluorescence of the dye demarcates the retinal and/or choroidal vasculature under observation, distinguishing it from adjacent areas/structures.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics
Distribution
Within 7 to 14 seconds after IV administration into the antecubital vein, fluorescein usually appears in the central retinal artery of the eye. Within a few minutes of IV administration of fluorescein sodium, a yellowish discoloration of the skin occurs, which begins to fade to 6 to 12 hours after dosing. Various estimates of volume of distribution indicate that fluorescein distributes into interstitial space (0.5 L/kg).

Metabolism
Fluorescein is metabolized to fluorescein monoglucuronide. After IV administration of fluorescein sodium (14 mg/kg) to 7 healthy subjects, approximately 80% of fluorescein in plasma was converted to glucuronide conjugate after a period of 1 hour post dose.

Excretion
Fluorescein and its metabolite are mainly eliminated via renal excretion. After IV administration, the urine remains slightly fluorescent for 24 to 36 hours. A renal clearance of 1.75 mL/min/kg and a hepatic clearance (due to conjugation) of 1.50 mL/min/kg have been estimated. The systemic clearance of fluorescein was essentially complete by 48 to 72 hours after administration of 500 mg fluorescein.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
There have been no long-term studies done using fluorescein in animals to evaluate carcinogenic potential.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING
AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) 10% is supplied in a single-dose 5 mL glass vial with a gray bromobutyl serum siliconized stopper and orange flip-off cap. It contains a sterile dark reddish orange solution of fluorescein sodium. (NDC 17478-253-10) 5 mL, single-dose vials in a package of 12.

AK-FLUOR® (fluorescein injection, USP) 25% is supplied in a single-dose 2 mL glass vial with a gray bromobutyl serum siliconized stopper and orange flip-off cap. It contains a sterile dark reddish orange solution of fluorescein sodium. (NDC 17478-250-20) 2 mL, single-dose vials in a package of 12.

AK-FLUOR® should be stored at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F). Do not freeze.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION
After administration of fluorescein sodium, skin will attain a temporary yellowish discoloration. Urine attains a bright yellow color. Discoloration of the skin usually fades in 6 to 12 hours and usually fades in urine in 24 to 36 hours. [see Warnings and Precautions (6.1)].

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