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# Strontium Sr-89

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A radioisotope of strontium, a heavy metal found naturally as a non-radioactive element. With a half-life of 50 days, strontium-89 is a beta emitter that is metabolized much like calcium. This agent is preferentially absorbed by osteoblastic bone metastases. (NCI04)