

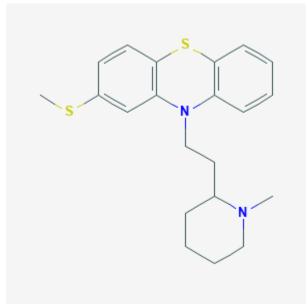
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# Thioridazine

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CASRN: 50-52-2



## **Drug Levels and Effects**

### Summary of Use during Lactation

Because there is no published experience with thioridazine during breastfeeding, an alternate drug may be preferred, especially while nursing a newborn or preterm infant.

### **Drug Levels**

Maternal Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

## **Effects in Breastfed Infants**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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#### **Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk**

Phenothiazines cause galactorrhea in 26 to 40% of female patients.[1][2] Hyperprolactinemia appears to be the cause of the galactorrhea.[3][4][5] There is some evidence that thioridazine increases serum prolactin to a greater extent than other phenothiazines.[6] The hyperprolactinemia is caused by the drug's dopamine-blocking action in the tuberoinfundibular pathway.[7] The prolactin level in a mother with established lactation may not affect her ability to breastfeed.

#### **Alternate Drugs to Consider**

Haloperidol, Olanzapine

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# **Substance Identification**

#### **Substance Name**

Thioridazine

#### **CAS Registry Number**

50-52-2

#### **Drug Class**

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Antipsychotic Agents

Phenothiazines