

Astatine: The Elusive Element with Potential in Nuclear Medicine

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There are only approximately 25 grams of [astatine](#) that occur naturally on the planet at any given time. Astatine is the least reactive and is the most metallic of all the [halogens](#). Due to its scarcity, many of its physical properties are still unknown. Some scientists think it has the potential to be used in [nuclear medicine](#) for treatment of cancer.