

Perinatal Diagnostic Center Patient Medication Advisory

Medication: Prednisone & other steroidal anti-inflammatory medications

This medicine is used to relieve inflammation in various parts of the body. It is also used to treat skin problems, allergies, asthma, and arthritis.

PROPER USE

Take this medicine only as directed. Take it with or after meals to lessen stomach upset. Follow directions exactly. Do not take more or less of it. Do not miss doses. If you do miss a dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist what to do.

PLEASE NOTE

Do not stop taking this medicine without the consent of your doctor. You may have to reduce your dosage gradually.

If you are treated for a serious injury or infection or have skin tests, tell the doctor you are taking this medicine.

If you need a smallpox vaccination or other vaccination with a live virus vaccine, be sure to tell the doctor you are taking this medicine.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Serious (report these to your doctor right away): Skin rash, blurred vision, increased urination, unusual thirst, and mood changes.

Other: Headache, indigestion, increased appetite, restlessness.

Special note: This medicine may cause other significant side effects when it is taken in large doses or for a long time. Ask your doctor what these side effects are so you can recognize them and report them right away.

REPORT SIDE EFFECTS THAT CONTINUE OR GET WORSE. KEEP ALL MEDICINES OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

NOTE: This advisory contains selected information that **MAY NOT include ALL actions or side effects** of this medicine. For details, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

POSSIBLE DRUG INTERACTIONS

Diabetics: This medicine may increase your blood sugar. Check with your doctor.

This medicine may decrease the effectiveness of aspirin **and salicylates**.

Barbiturates, phenytoin, and rifampin may decrease the effectiveness of this medicine.

If you are seeing several doctors, be sure they all know what medicines you are taking. This includes over-the-counter (nonprescription) products.

The above information is intended as a guide only and may not include all drug interactions that are possible. Consult your doctor or pharmacist for more information on other possible drug interactions. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain.

I have understood the above and all bmy questions were answered.

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Signature: _____ Witness: _____

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