

DRUG CARD

Cortisone

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Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Corticosteroids

Therapeutic Class: • Antiasthmatics
• Corticosteroids

Action: The adrenal glands sit on top of the kidneys. The adrenal glands excrete steroid hormones, including cortisol that play a role in increasing blood sugars, immune suppression, and metabolism of fat, protein, and carbohydrates, as well as decreasing bone formation.

Indication: Management of adrenocortical insufficiency (Addison's Disease). Replace cortisol in states of deficiency, suppress inflammation and normal immune response.

Reason Given (Disease States): _____

Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excreted by the liver – monitor liver profile• Avoid in active untreated infections• May cause CNS alterations• May cause peptic ulcers• May cause Cushingoid appearance (buffalo hump, moon face)• Weight gain• Osteoporosis• Decrease wound healing• May elevate blood sugars• May increase cholesterol and lipid values
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Other: _____

