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DEXAMETHASONE

(Brand Name: Azium)

STRENGTH: 0.25 mg, 0.75 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 1.5 mg, 2 mg, 4 mg & 6 mg TABLETS, ORAL SOLUTION, ALSO OPHTHALMIC SOLUTIONS

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Oral, injectable, eye drop. When used orally, can be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Glucocorticoid (steroid) hormone. Used as anti-inflammatory, immune-suppressant, to reduce fever, increase appetite, prevent or treat vaccination reactions, to treat Addison's disease, to treat asthma, to raise blood sugar, to treat some cancers.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Can ulcerate the stomach especially in high doses or combined with NSAIDs, As an immune suppressive can promote latent infections which can be serious. Long term use can lead to Cushing's syndrome. Has ability to terminate pregnancy. Can promote a diabetic state in a patient that was borderline for diabetes.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Immune mediated life threatening reactions (anaphylaxis, immune mediated anemia, immune mediated platelet destruction) occur in less than 1 in 10,000 patients. Librelva should not be used in patients with known neurologic disease.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

OTHER INFORMATION: It is important to find the lowest effective dose. Frequently every other day or even twice a week dosing is feasible. Do not use in pregnant animals. This medication should not be abruptly discontinued; tapering the dose is needed. Consult your veterinarian about how to taper a steroid medication course.

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