



Dexamethasone

CLASS:	Synthetic corticosteroid
ACTIONS:	Reduces inflammation/bronchial edema
INDICATIONS:	Allergic reaction / Anaphylaxis Respiratory distress
CONTRAINDICATIONS:	Known hypersensitivity / allergy Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Do not use in neonates or infants < 12 months unless medication is preservative free
PRECAUTIONS:	Use caution when administering to patients with GI diseases
SIDE EFFECTS:	May cause perineal itching/burning if pushed too fast Headache, hypertension, fluid retention
ADULT DOSAGE:	<i>10mg IV/IO slow push over 1 minute or IM</i>
PEDIATRIC DOSAGE:	<i>0.6 mg/kg IV/IO slow push over 3 minutes or IM</i> Maximum dose 10 mg