

Situations in which operative steroid stress-dosing is necessary:

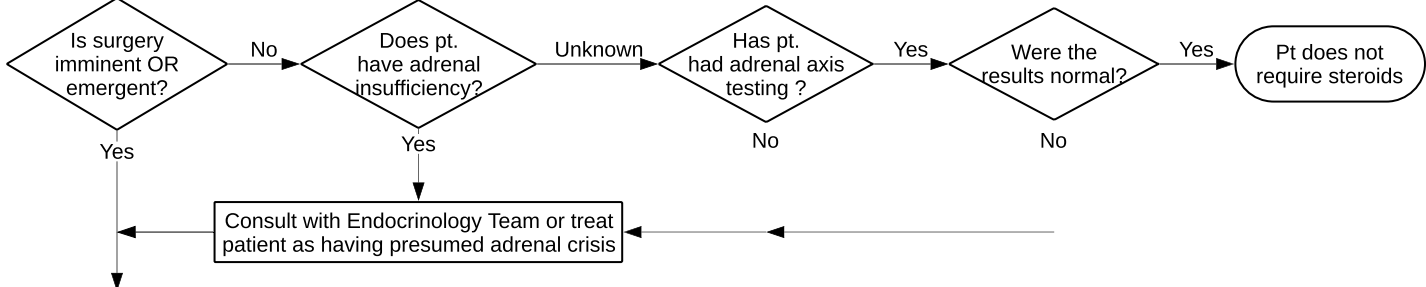
- Pt. is taking steroids and exhibits Cushoid features

Patients undergoing a surgical or endoscopy procedure with a presumed risk for Adrenal Crisis

Situations in which stress-dose steroids maybe necessary:

- Daily inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) at a dose of fluticasone > 750 mcg/day (or equivalent ICS) for 3 months
- Daily topical Class I-III steroids for > 3 weeks (such as: Clobetazol, Lidex, Elocon ointment, Betamethasone, Topicort ointment)
- Daily enteral/parenteral prednisone 5 mg (or equivalent steroid dose) for >3 weeks
- Daily enteral/parenteral steroids at bedtime
- Less than 1 year after completing prolonged course of above steroids (>3 months)

Consult Hematology / Oncology prior to administering a steroid to any diagnosed hematology / oncology patient
Rationale: The patient may not be able to receive steroid therapies for their protocol assignment.



Is the patient undergoing a minor or moderate/severe stress procedure requiring anesthesia?

In AM, prior to procedure:

- Patients on hydrocortisone should receive **triple maintenance dose for the morning hydrocortisone dose.**
- Patients on home steroid dosing, see below, do not require additional stress dosing for minor stress procedures, and should receive their usual dosing on the morning of the procedure:
- <3 years of age: Prednisone/Prednisolone dosing > 5 mg every other day (2.5 mg/day)
- 3-12 years of age: Prednisone/Prednisolone dosing > 10 mg every other day (5 mg/day)
- >12 years of age: Prednisone/Prednisolone dosing > 20 mg every other day (10 mg/day)

Minor Stress Surgeries:

- Minor skin procedures
- Endoscopies
- Dental procedure
- Ears tubes
- Imaging using anesthesia or sedation

Moderate Stress Surgeries:

- Appendicitis
- Cholecystectomy
- Hernia repair
- Orthopedic surgery (minor)
- T/A

Severe Stress Surgeries:

- Brain surgery
- Heart surgery
- Orthopedic surgery (major)
- Spine surgery
- Transplant surgery

In AM, prior to procedure, pt should receive usual maintenance dose of morning hydrocortisone dose (po, pg or ng)

Resume maintenance dosing once stable (for example: afebrile, reasonable pain control, normotensive for 24 hours); Pt may be discharged if otherwise meeting discharge criteria.

Consider Endocrine Consult for cortisol management

Hydrocortisone
 Administered **before incision or procedure starts** based on:

- 50 mg / m² OR
- RAPID hydrocortisone dosing:
 - < 3 years old: 25 mg
 - 3-12 years old: 50 mg
 - > 12 years old: 100 mg

Intra-procedure redosing for hydrocortisone

- Occurs for cases (Surgery / Procedure) with a duration length greater than 8 hours
- Repeat initial hydrocortisone dose 8 hours after above dose was given

Post-procedure dosing for hydrocortisone

- Provide hydrocortisone 12.5 mg/m² IV q6h or if pt able to tolerate PO, 17 mg/m² po/pg/ng q8h **OR**
- RAPID post-procedure hydrocortisone dosing:
 - < 3 years old: 6.25 mg IV q6h or 7.5 mg po/pg/ng q8h
 - 3-12 years old: 12.5 mg IV q6h or 17.5 mg po/pg/ng q8h
 - > 12 years old: 25 mg IV q6h or 35 mg po/pg/ng q8h

Dexamethasone
 0.1 mg/kg - 0.2 mg/kg or 10 mg **maximum** dose for antiemetic

Intra-operative redosing for dexamethasone:

- DO NOT give an additional dose intra-operative** (0.1 – 0.2 mg/kg will provide adequate cortisol coverage for the entire surgical intervention)

Post-procedure dosing:

- Change to hydrocortisone (refer to post-procedure dosing guidelines for hydrocortisone above)

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