

# DRUG CARD

**Dexamethasone**

**Decadron**

**Generic Name**

**Trade Name**

**Pharmacologic Class:** • Corticosteroids

**Therapeutic Class:** • Antiasthmatics  
• Corticosteroids

**Action:** Suppress inflammation and normal immune response. Used in inflammatory states to decrease inflammation.

**Indication:** • Manage cerebral edema  
• Assess for Cushing's Disease

Reason Given (Disease States): \_\_\_\_\_

## Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:

Post Administration Evaluation:

**Nursing Considerations:**

- 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

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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