



ADR

Tip of the Month

Fluticasone

Risk of avascular necrosis

Fluticasone propionate is a highly potent glucocorticoid anti-inflammatory steroid available as an aqueous nasal spray, an inhalation aerosol, a powder for inhalation and a topical cream. Cases of osteonecrosis have been reported in adults with the utilization of inhaled corticosteroids.

Physicians should:

- Know that systemic adverse reactions may occur with intranasal and inhaled use of corticosteroids
- Be aware of the potential for osteonecrosis
- Realize that the long-term effects of fluticasone propionate are still unknown
- Prescribe only the lowest effective dose of the medication.

Please report all serious adverse drug reactions (ADRs).