

# Adrenal suppression (AS)

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## REPORTING INFORMATION

(To be completed by the CPSP Senior Coordinator)

Report number: \_\_\_\_\_

Month of reporting: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following sections for the case identified above.  
Strict confidentiality of information will be assured.**

### CASE DEFINITION FOR ADRENAL SUPPRESSION

Report any new patient less than 18 years of age treated with any form of glucocorticoid (GC) therapy with evidence of adrenal suppression (AS) defined as:

- Adrenal crisis, an acute critical illness out of proportion in severity to the current illness and manifested by any of the following:
  - hypotension/shock
  - decreased level of consciousness/lethargy
  - unexplained hypoglycaemia or hyponatremia
  - seizure
  - death

#### OR

- Symptomatic\* adrenal insufficiency with supportive biochemical evidence

\* Signs/symptoms can include anorexia, weakness, fatigue, lethargy, fever, gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea, abdominal pain), morning headache, hypoglycemia, myalgia, arthralgia, psychiatric symptoms, and growth failure.

### Exclusion criteria

Adrenal insufficiency unrelated to GC therapy, including adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) deficiency due to hypothalamic or pituitary gland abnormalities, and primary adrenal disorders, such as:

- Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
- Autoimmune adrenalitis or polyglandular syndromes
- Adrenal hypoplasia congenita
- ACTH resistance syndromes
- Metabolic disorders (adrenoleukodystrophy, peroxisome biogenesis disorders, cholesterol metabolism, mitochondrial disorders)
- Infectious disorders (sepsis, tuberculosis, fungal infections, viral infections)
- Infiltrative/destructive causes (hemorrhage, amyloidosis, sarcoidosis, metastases)
- Drugs inhibiting steroid biosynthesis (e.g., ketoconazole, etomidate, suramin, aminoglutethimide, metyrapone)

Month first seen \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 1 – DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1.1 Date of birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
                                  DD    MM    YYYY

1.2 Sex: Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_

1.3 Province/Territory of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

1.4 Ethnicity (check all that apply):

First Nations \_\_\_\_ Innu \_\_\_\_ Inuit \_\_\_\_ Métis \_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_ Caucasian \_\_\_\_

Latin American \_\_\_\_ Middle Eastern \_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown \_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2 – UNDERLYING CONDITION**

2.1 Condition requiring GC therapy: Asthma \_\_\_ Malignancy \_\_\_ Nephrotic syndrome \_\_\_  
 Inflammatory bowel disorder \_\_\_ Arthritis \_\_\_ Vasculitis \_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2.2 Other medications (excluding GCs): \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes No Unknown**

2.3 Did the underlying condition cause a decrease in physical activity? \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

2.4 Did the GC therapy cause a decrease in physical activity? \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

2.5 Did the patient experience a weight gain on GC therapy? \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

**SECTION 3 – PAST GLUCOCORTICOID (GC) THERAPY**

3.1 For **each type of GC** used in the patient's treatment over the past year, please provide the following information:

GC type (e.g., prednisone, fluticasone )	Route (e.g., oral, inhaler with nebulizer)	Dose* (mg/m <sup>2</sup> ,mg/kg or mcg)	Time(s) given (e.g., AM only; morning and evening, PM only)	Duration (e.g., x days, months, years)	End date DD / MM / YYYY

\* If multiple GC doses, please provide as much detail as possible.

3.2 Last GC dose prior to presentation with AS: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 DD MM YYYY

3.3 Total duration of **past** GC therapy: \_\_\_ days \_\_\_ weeks \_\_\_ months \_\_\_ years (indicate # of days, wks, etc.)

**SECTION 4 – PRESENTATION OF ADRENAL SUPPRESSION**

4.1 Patient seen for AS in (check all that apply): office/clinic \_\_\_ emergency department \_\_\_  
 inpatient ward/unit \_\_\_ neonatal ICU \_\_\_ paediatric ICU \_\_\_

4.2 Clinical presentation of adrenal insufficiency: Adrenal crisis \_\_\_ Symptomatic adrenal insufficiency \_\_\_

4.3 Date of presentation: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 DD MM YYYY

4.4 Height: \_\_\_ cm Weight \_\_\_ kg

4.5 Symptoms and signs at presentation

Symptom/sign	Yes	No	Unknown	Improvement after treatment with GC?	
				Yes	No
Hypotension/shock					
Decreased level of consciousness					
Unexplained hypoglycemia					
Unexplained hyponatremia					
Seizure					
Growth failure					

Non-specific symptoms, **check all that apply**:

weakness \_\_\_ fatigue \_\_\_ lethargy \_\_\_ anorexia \_\_\_ nausea \_\_\_ vomiting \_\_\_ abdominal pain \_\_\_  
 myalgia \_\_\_ arthralgia \_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

4.6 General investigations at presentation

Investigation	Result (units)	Normal value (units)	Not done	Unknown
Glucose				
Sodium				
Potassium				
Other, <b>specify</b> :				

**SECTION 5 – ADRENAL INVESTIGATIONS**

## 5.1 Adrenal investigations at presentation

Investigation	Date	Time (e.g., 8:00 am)	Results (units)	Normal value	Date, time and dose of last GC (mg/m <sup>2</sup> or mg/kg) prior to venipuncture	Not done
Cortisol	___/___/___ DD MM YYYY				___/___/___ Time _____ DD MM YYYY Type (HC/Dex) _____ Dose _____	
ACTH	___/___/___ DD MM YYYY				___/___/___ Time _____ DD MM YYYY Type (HC/Dex) _____ Dose _____	

## 5.2 ACTH stimulation test

5.2.1 Dose of cosyntropin given \_\_\_\_\_

5.2.2 Peak cortisol response: value \_\_\_\_\_ units \_\_\_\_\_

5.2.3 Time of peak cortisol response \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 minutes)

## 5.3 Other cortisol measurement:

Specify type (e.g., 24-hour urinary): \_\_\_\_\_ value \_\_\_\_\_ units \_\_\_\_\_ normal value \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 6 – MANAGEMENT OF ADRENAL SUPPRESSION**

	Yes	No	Unknown
6.1 Treatment with GCs? (If no, skip to 6.2) If yes specify:	___	___	___
6.1.1 Was cortisol level drawn <b>prior</b> to treatment with GC at presentation?	___	___	___
6.1.2 Time between presentation and first dose _____			
6.1.3 Type _____ dose _____ (mg/kg or mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) frequency _____			
6.1.4 Was increased dosing for stress prescribed?	___	___	___
6.1.5 Duration of GC therapy _____ (days/weeks/months)			
6.2 Other treatment: If yes, specify (e.g., IV fluid therapy) _____	___	___	___
6.3 Referral to/consultation with paediatric endocrinologist?	___	___	___

**SECTION 7 – OUTCOME**

7.1 Hospital stay: Total number of days \_\_\_\_\_ Days in intensive care unit \_\_\_\_\_ Still in hospital \_\_\_\_\_

7.2 Medical complications, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

7.3 Discharged home \_\_\_ Lost to follow-up \_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_

If deceased, please specify cause of death \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 8 – EVIDENCE OF NON-GC RELATED ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY**

8.1 Hyperpigmentation: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I agree to be contacted by the research team for further information.

\_\_\_ I do not wish to be contacted by the research team for further information.

**SECTION 6 – REPORTING PHYSICIAN**

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing this form.**

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