

**Home Health VNA
IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet**

IV Medication: Methylprednisolone / SoluMedrol Risk Level: 2

Med Class: Glucocorticoid

Common Uses: Exacerbation of respiratory illnesses, MS exacerbations

Labs to Monitor: Electrolytes, 2 hr postprandial blood sugar

Instructions/Precautions: Peripheral insertion required for this med; May mask infection. May increase insulin need in Diabetics, Electrolyte and Calcium imbalances, Report tarry stools, edema and weight gain. VS during infusion; Can be given IV Push, up to 40 mg over 2-3 min for pulm rx

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| First Dose Allowed: | N |
| Central Line Only: | N |
| IV Push: | Y |
| Vesicant: | N |

See Procedure Manual: n/a

Notes: Only drugs listed as First Dose Allowed may be given in the home as a first dose and are considered for a first dose on a case by case basis by the IV Program Manager
The IV Manager and/or Clinical Director must be consulted before a first dose referral is accepted

Risk Levels: n/a = Routinely given; Clinician must be approved to administer IV medications
1= IV Program Mgr or Clinical Director approval before referral is accepted
2= IV Program Mgr notification; Clinicians must review Special Instructions