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| **Tufts Medicine Care at Home** | | | | |
| **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 Manager | | | | |
| The 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= | Mgr or Clinical Director approval before referral is accepted | | |
|  | 2= | Mgr notification; Clinicians must review Special Instructions | | |