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FLUDROCORTISONE

(BRAND NAME: Florinef)

STRENGTH: 0.1 mg Tablets

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL. May be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: This is a corticosteroid hormone used in the treatment of Addison's disease (hypoadrenocorticism). This medication replaces the hormones that the patient's body is unable to produce: both mineralcorticoids and glucocorticoids.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Excessive water consumption and urination. Can raise blood pressure. Can reduce blood potassium levels and supplementation could become necessary. Panting also can be a side effect.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: None, though salt retention in a patient with co-existing heart disease could be a problem.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

OTHER INFORMATION: This medication has one use: the treatment of Addison's Disease (hypoadrenocorticism). Expect frequent monitoring of electrolytes by blood test.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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