Medicine Safety and You
Dexamethasone or Decadron®

New medicine:
Dexamethasone

Brand names:
Decadron®

Use (circle one):
Treats asthma and COPD

Treats arthritis
• Treats spinal cord injuries
• Treats skin rashes
• Treats organ transplant
• Treats ulcerative colitis
• Treats brain swelling and swelling from other diseases
• Treats upset stomach and vomiting

Potential side effects:
• high blood sugar,
• increased chance of getting an infection
• mood changes
• weight gain
• muscle weakness
• skin changes
• stomach pain

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other than the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.

If you experience any of these side effects, tell your doctor or nurse right away.

Please speak up at any time if you have any questions or concerns.