## **Steroid Sick Day Rules for Steroid Induced Al**



|   | How to take your steroid tablets   |  |                  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|------------------|--|--|--|
| Mild illness – no fever<br>(e.g. common cold etc.)    | Take normal dose of steroid as usual   |  |                  |  |  |  |
|   | Dose dependent on normal daily dose  |  |                  |  |  |  |
| Mild infection<br>with fever<br>(temperature 38-39°C) | Hydrocortisone   |  | Prednisolone     |  | Dexamethasone tablets only<br>Follow the directions below until<br>you feel better:  |  |
|   | Total daily dose   | When unwell  | Total daily dose | When unwell  | Total daily dose<br>dexamethasone  | When unwell  |
|   | Less than 10mg   | Take normal dose<br>of hydrocortisone  | 3 - 10mg         | Take 5mg twice<br>a day  | 1mg or less  | Take 2mg<br>dexamethasone  |
|   | 10mg or more   | Take 20mg<br>hydrocortisone<br>immediately, then<br>take 10mg every<br>6 hours | 10mg or more     | Divide normal dose<br>into two separate<br>doses for morning<br>and evening  | More than 1mg  | Take normal dose<br>of dexamethasone   |
|   |  |  |                  | For example:  If normal dose is  14mg – Take 7mg in the morning and 7mg in evening   | with hydr<br>Follow the direc  | e in combination<br>ocortisone<br>tions below until<br>el better:  |
|   |  | ,  |                  | ,  | Total daily dose<br>dexamethasone  | When unwell  |
|   |  |  |                  |  | 1mg or less  | Take normal dose of<br>dexamethasone <b>and</b><br>Take extra 20mg<br>of hydrocortisone<br>immediately, then<br>10mg every 6 hours |
|   |  |  |                  |  | More than 1mg  | Take normal dose of dexamethasone  |
| Serious infection with temperature > 39°C             | Take  • 50mg of hydrocortisone or 20mg prednisolone or 3mg dexamethasone and go to hospital or call 999. |  |                  |  |  |  |
|   | Dose dependent on normal daily dose  |  |                  |  |  |  |
| COVID-19<br>(suspected or<br>confirmed)               | Hydrocortisone   |  | Prednisolone     |  | Dexamethasone tablets only Follow the directions below until you feel better:  |  |
|   | Total daily dose   | When unwell  | Total daily dose | When unwell  | Total daily dose<br>dexamethasone  | When unwell  |
|   | Less than 10mg   | Take normal dose<br>of hydrocortisone  | 3 - 19mg         | Take 10mg twice<br>a day   | 1mg or less  | Take 2mg<br>dexamethasone  |
|   | 10mg or more   | Take 20mg every<br>6 hours   | 20mg or more     | Divide normal dose into two separate doses for morning and evening  For example: If normal dose is 20mg – Take 10mg in the morning and 10mg in evening | More than 1mg  | Take normal dose of dexamethasone  |
|   |  |  |                  |  | Dexamethasone in combination with hydrocortisone Regardless of dose of dexamethasone: Take normal dose of dexamethasone and Take extra 20mg hydrocortisone every 6 hours |  |
| Vomiting and/or<br>diarrhoea                          |  | ke extra 20mg hydro<br>rhoea, go to hospita                                    |                  | rednisolone or 0.75r   | ng dexamethasone.  | If you vomit again   |