Dexamethasone is a corticosteroid used in the treatment of various conditions where corticosteroids are indicated, including pain and oedema due to malignancy, nausea and vomiting, and in treatment protocols for some blood tissue cancers.

### General description

Dexamethasone

### Recommendations

#### Section

**Hormones and antihormones**

| Oral > Liquid: 2 mg per 5 mL |
| Oral > Solid: 2 mg; 4 mg |
| Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 4 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (as disodium phosphate salt) |
| Oral > Solid: 4 mg |

#### Indications

- **Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified**
- **Plasma cell myeloma**
### Antiallergics and medicines used in anaphylaxis

Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 4 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (as disodium phosphate salt)

#### Indications

- Allergic or hypersensitivity conditions of unspecified type

### Antiemetic medicines

Oral > Liquid: 0.5 mg per 5 mL; 2 mg per 5 mL
Oral > Solid: 0.5 mg; 0.75 mg; 1.5 mg; 4 mg
Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 4 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (as disodium phosphate sal)

#### Indications

- Nausea or vomiting

### Other medicines administered to the mother

Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 4 mg per mL (dexamethasone phosphate (as sodium))

#### Indications

- Respiratory distress syndrome of the newborn, altered by maternal corticosteroid therapy

### Medicines for other common symptoms in palliative care

Oral > Liquid: 2 mg per 5 mL
Oral > Solid: 2 mg; 4 mg
Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 4 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (as disodium phosphate salt)

#### Indications

- Palliative care