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This card contains important information about a medication you have been prescribed.

Please read it carefully and show it to any healthcare professionals who may be providing treatment for you.

There are many other important interactions, please visit www.hiv-druginteractions.org for more information. If in doubt, please ask us.



For more information about how your drugs can interact

You have been prescribed a medication (cobicistat or ritonavir) that interacts with some steroid preparations.

These preparations include inhalers, joint injections (eg for tennis elbow), nose or eye drops/sprays, tablets and some creams/ointments.

Taking these preparations can result in serious complications as a result of producing very high steroid levels in the body.

Some steroid preparations are prescribed and others can be purchased over the counter from a pharmacy. If you are prescribed, administered or buy a steroid preparation please check that they do not contain the following:

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Fluticasone – contained in Seretide®, Flixotide®, Flutiform® and Relvar Ellipta® inhalers and in some ‘allergy’ nasal preparations (eg Flixonase® or Boots allergy relief spray)

Triamcinolone – contained in some joint injections such as Adcortyl® or Kenalog®

Budesonide – contained in some inhalers (eg Pilmicort® or Symbicort®)

Mometasone – contained in some inhalers (eg Asmanex®) and nasal sprays (eg Nasonex®)

Dexamethasone – contained in some tablets (eg Dexsol®) and eye drops (eg Maxidex® or Maxitrol®)

Some steroid preparations may be used safely.

Examples of these include:



- Hydrocortisone cream ointment
- Inhalers or allergy nasal sprays containing beclomethasone (for example Boots' hayfever relief spray, Qvar®, Becotide®, Beconase® or Fostair®)

For further information please ask your clinic doctor or pharmacist. Alternatively you can contact Medicines Information



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