**Prednisone Side Effects**

Blood: predispose to infections, impair the ability to fight infections, easy bruising

Neurologic: insomnia, nervousness, headache, euphoria, delirium, hallucinations, seizures, mood swings, depression, malaise

GI: indigestion, peptic ulcers, esophagitis, pancreatitis, nausea

Endocrine: diabetes, hypokalemia, Cushing’s syndrome, high blood sugar, water retention, edema, weight gain, increased appetite

Muscle: arthralgias, muscle weakness, osteoporosis, spine compression fractures, aseptic necrosis of the femoral and humeral heads

Ocular: cataracts, increased intraocular pressure, glaucoma

Heart: high blood pressure, worsening of heart failure

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