Medication Formulary

**Generic Name:** Hydrocortisone Sodium Succinate

**Brand Name:** Solu-Cortef

**Class:** Short-acting corticosteroid

**Actions:** Suppresses inflammatory and immune responses, mainly by inhibiting migration of leukocytes and phagocytes and decreasing inflammatory mediators.

**Onset:** IV: immediate

**Duration:** 24-36 hours

**Indications:** Replacement therapy in adrenocortical insufficiency; hypercalcemia due to cancer; arthritis; collagen diseases; dermatologic diseases; autoimmune and hematologic disorders; trichinosis; ulcerative colitis; multiple sclerosis; proctitis; nephrotic syndrome; aspiration pneumonia.

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to drug, alcohol, bisulfites, or tartrazine.

**Side Effects:** Muscle weakness, insomnia, irritability, heartburn, increased blood sugar, nausea, and vomiting.

**Interactions:** Use cautiously in patients with hypertension, osteoporosis, glaucoma, renal or GI disease, hypothyroidism, cirrhosis, thromboembolic disorders, myasthenia gravis, or heart failure.

**Administration Routes:** IV, IM