

Glucocorticoid Equivalents and Potencies				
Glucocorticoid	Approximately Equivalent Dose (mg)	Relative Anti-inflammatory (Glucocorticoid) Potency	Relative Mineralocorticoid Potency	
Short Acting				
Cortisone	25 mg	0.8	2	
Hydrocortisone	20 mg	1	2	
Intermediate Acting				
Prednisone	5 mg	4	1	
Prednisolone	5 mg	4	1	
Triamcinolone	4 mg	5	0	
Methylprednisolone	4 mg	5	0	
Long Acting				
Dexamethasone	0.75 mg	20-30	0	
Betamethasone	0.6-0.75 mg	20-30	0	
From Facts and Comparison, A	pril 1991, pg 122			

Therefore, although these have not been directly compared from a metabolic standpoint, consider the following conversations for insertion into the PG-SGA worksheet for prednisone equivalents.

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	Low	Medium	High	
Prednisone	<10	≥10-<30	≥30	
Cortisone	<50	≥50-<150	≥150	
Hydrocortisone	<40	≥40-<120	≥120	
Prednisolone	<10	≥10-<30	≥30	
Methylprednisolone	<8	≥8-<24	≥24	
Dexamethasone	<1.5	≥1.5-<4.5	≥4.5	

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