

# Budesonide

## **What is budesonide used to treat?**

Budesonide is a generic drug for Pulmicort®. It is a systemic glucocorticoid (steroid) used to treat inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in dogs and cats especially when the pet cannot tolerate steroids, or the use of other steroids is not effective. It can also be used to treat sinus inflammation or asthma.

## **What are the side effects of budesonide on cats or dogs?**

Side effects include increased appetite, increased drinking and urination, lethargy, muscle weakness, weight increases, increased panting in dogs, skin and hair coat changes, and a pot bellied appearance.

If you suspect any side effects, overdose, or an adverse reaction to budesonide, call your vet office immediately or [A.S.P.C.A.'s Animal Poison Control Center](#) at 888.426.4435. A change in dose or medication may be warranted based on the determination of the veterinarian.

## **How do I know if I need budesonide to treat my cat or dog?**

Some signs of inflammatory bowel syndromes that can be displayed in your pet include the following: difficulty with defecation, chronic and/or occasional large bowel diarrhea, frequent passage of small amounts of feces and mucus, abdominal pain, constipation, bloating, vomiting, and nausea.

## **Where can I get budesonide to treat my cat or dog?**

Budesonide can be obtained at a veterinary clinic or compounding pharmacy. You will need a valid prescription from your veterinarian if you plan to fill the medication at the pharmacy. Professional Arts Pharmacy has the medication in stock, and we offer local pickup in Ellicott City, Maryland. If you reside in other states, your medication can be shipped and delivered within 1-2 days from the day of ordering. If you have questions about ordering this medication, please give us a call at 443-200-1200 or visit our website at [www.WeMakeMeds.com](http://www.WeMakeMeds.com).

Disclaimer: Not intended to be a replacement for professional veterinarian advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your veterinarian with any questions you may have regarding the medical condition of your pet. If you believe your pet has a medical emergency, call, or visit your vet office or your local veterinary emergency hospital immediately.