

**Table 1: Characteristics of 15 patients with osteonecrosis of the femoral head following short-course corticosteroid therapy**

Case	Age, yr	Indication for steroid therapy*	Duration of therapy, d	Dose, mg†	Other medical conditions	Time from therapy to hip pain, mo
1	38	Pneumonia	20	550	None	7
2	35	Brain abscess	6	435	Recurrent otitis media	8
3	33	Aneurysm	26	3300	Alcoholism	16
4	34	Bells palsy	36	Unknown	None	31
5	30	Asthma	39	1050	Asthma	6
6	36	Arthralgia	20	620	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	28
7	34	Migraine	20	700	Migraine	12
8	26	Poison ivy	21	660	None	8
9	32	Poison ivy	14	560	None	11
10	35	Poison ivy	7	290	Alcoholism	23
11	21	Mononucleosis	14	620	None	12
12	20	Optic neuritis	28	840	Hip dislocation	33
13	36	Pneumonia	14	700	None	9
14	32	Optic neuritis	28	900	None	16
15	41	Bee sting	14	700	None	29

\*Prednisone was prescribed in 13 cases and dexamethasone in 2.

†Doses are listed in equivalent milligrams of prednisone.

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