



## Drug withdrawal times for serological and intradermal testing

DRUG	PRESCRIPTION	WITHDRAWAL	
		SEROLOGICAL TESTING	INTRADERMAL TESTING
<b>Oral short acting steroids</b> eg. prednisolone, prednisone, methylprednisolone etc.	Anti-allergic dose ( $\leq 1\text{mg/kg}$ ) daily for < 2 months	No withdrawal	14 days
<b>Oral short acting steroids</b> eg. prednisolone, prednisone, methylprednisolone etc.	Higher than anti-allergic dose or > 2 months duration	Withdraw for 1 week for every month prescribed	Withdraw for 1 week for every month prescribed
<b>Injectable short acting steroids</b> eg. dexamethasone	Licensed dose	7 days from last injection	One month for first injection
<b>Injectable long acting steroids</b> eg. methylprednisolone acetate	Licensed dose	28 days from last injection	28 days from last injection
<b>Topical steroids optic and ophthalmic preparations</b>	Licensed use	7 days Osurnia No withdrawal all others	14 days
<b>Topical steroids dermal</b> Hydrocortisone aceponate	Licensed use	No withdrawal	No withdrawal so long as not used on the IDT site
<b>Antihistamines</b>	Standard dose	No withdrawal	7 days
<b>Cyclosporine / ciclosporin</b>	Licensed doses	No withdrawal	No withdrawal
<b>Oclacitinib (Apoquel®)</b>	Licensed doses	No withdrawal	No withdrawal
<b>Essential fatty acids</b>	Recommended use	No withdrawal	No withdrawal

Recommendations based in part on the recent publication:

Olivry, T. & Saridomichelakis, M. for the International Taskforce on Allergic Diseases of Animals (ICADA) (2013). Evidence-based guidelines for anti-allergic drug withdrawal times before allergen-specific intradermal testing and IgE serological tests in dogs. *Veterinary Dermatology* 24 (2): 225-e49