

Table: Effects of Corticosteroids in Severe Infections*

Infection	Improved Survival	Better Long-Term Outcomes	Improved Symptoms	Ineffective or Effects Uncertain	Harmful (Outcomes Worse)
Bacterial Meningitis	x	x	x	-	-
Tuberculous Meningitis	x	x	x	-	-
Tuberculous Pericarditis	x	x	x	-	-
PCP (with Hypoxemia)	x	x	x	-	-
Tetanus	x	x	x	-	-
Bacterial Arthritis	-	x	x	-	-
Pneumococcal Pneumonia (not in ICU)	-	-	x	-	-
Peritonsillar Abscess	-	-	x	-	-
Cellulitis	-	-	x	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	x	-	-
Pleural Tuberculosis	-	-	x	-	-
Acute bronchiolitis (RSV)	-	-	-	x	-
Severe CAP (in ICU)	-	-	-	x	-
Viral hepatitis	-	-	-	-	x
Cerebral Malaria	-	-	-	-	x

CAP, community-acquired pneumonia

PCP, *Pneumocystis jirovecii* (*carinii*) pneumonia

RSV, respiratory syncytial virus

*in the presence of appropriate antimicrobial therapy, as indicated