

Thyroid replacement

Caution in patients with adrenal insufficiency

Primary [hypothyroidism](#) may be associated with immunologic destruction of the adrenal cortex (Schmidt syndrome). Secondary hypothyroidism may be associated with and may mask reduced adrenal function.

✖ Thyroid replacement without adrenal replacement in patients with adrenal insufficiency (as may occur in [panhypopituitarism](#)) may precipitate adrenal crisis (thus giving \approx 300– 400 mg hydrocortisone IV over 24 hrs in addition to thyroid replacement).

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