**Example 4.7 O’Connor Hospital Drug Interaction Progress Note**

**FLUOROQUINOLONE – STEROID DRUG INTERACTION PROGRESS NOTE**

TO PHYSICIAN:

This patient is receiving the following systemic steroid ____________________________.

The patient is also receiving □ Levofloxacin (Levaquin®) □ Ciprofloxacin (Cipro®).

Please review the Black Box Warning, Contraindications, and Warnings section from the package insert (listed below) and weigh the risks and benefits of this therapy.

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**Pharmacist**

### Black Box

- Fluoroquinolones, including LEVAQUIN®, are associated with an increased risk of tendinitis and tendon rupture in all ages. This risk is further increased in older patients usually over 60 years of age, in patients taking corticosteroid drugs, and in patients with kidney, heart or lung transplants.

### Warning

- **Abbreviated Warnings section – see package insert for full explanation**
  - Risk of tendinitis and tendon rupture is increased. This risk is further increased in older patients usually over 60 years of age, in patients taking corticosteroids, and in patients with kidney, heart or lung transplants. Discontinue if pain or inflammation in a tendon occurs.

### Contraindication

- Known hypersensitivity to LEVAQUIN® or other quinolones

**Physician**

Choose one of the following treatment choices:

- I will discontinue patient’s systemic quinolone. I will switch patient to another antimicrobial.
- I will decrease patient’s steroid therapy.
- Continue both agents. I am aware of the risks of using these agents together. Patient has failed to respond to alternative agents in the past.

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