

# TO TOLERATE OR TO EXPEL – A DILEMA AT THE INTERFACE BETWEEN CANDIDA ALBICANS AND HUMAN ORGANISM

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## **Summary**

*The corticoids represents drugs extensively used in therapy. A main disadvantage of this therapy is the occurrence of infection with Candida albicans. The Candida albicans is comensal at the level of the mucous surface, being tolerated by the immune system with limitation of the exceeded development of this fungus. The systemic or topical administration of the corticoids induces changes of the immune defense reactivity against Candida albicans, increasing the tolerance and impairing of the capacity to kill it. The understanding of the intimacy of this process maybe the key for a better control of this adverse reaction of corticotherapy.*

***Key words:** corticoids, candidoses, immunity, defense, dendritic cells.*