

Prochlorperazine

INDICATIONS:

1. Prophylaxis of nausea and vomiting
2. Nausea and vomiting
3. Vertigo

SAFETY ALERT:

1. Adverse Drug Reactions:

Cholestatic jaundice, cardiac arrhythmias, orthostatic hypotension, leucopenia, thrombocytopenia, dry mouth, blurring of vision, glaucoma, urinary retention, constipation, galactorrhoea, gynaecomastia, amenorrhoea and impotence. Buccal: transient numbness of gum and tongue. Bone-marrow suppression. Cardiac arrhythmias or aspiration

2. Drug interactions:

Additive anticholinergic effects with antihistamines, TCAs and drugs used in parkinsonism. May reduce the antihypertensive effect of guanethidine and other adrenergic neuron blockers. May also increase risk of arrhythmias when used with drugs that prolong QT interval. Potentiation of other CNS depressants including alcohol, sedatives, hypnotics, barbiturates, opioids, antihistaminics and general anaesthetics

3. Contraindications:

CNS depression, comatose patients. Bone marrow depression, phaeochromocytoma, prolactin dependent tumours, hypersensitivity. Children < 2 y. Pregnancy and lactation.

4. Precautions:

Extrapyramidal syndrome, hypotension, epilepsy, impaired hepatic, renal, CV, cerebrovascular or resp. function, glaucoma. May impair ability to drive or perform tasks requiring mental alertness or physical coordination. Parenteral use in child is not recommended. History of jaundice, parkinsonism, diabetes mellitus, hypothyroidism, myasthenia gravis, paralytic ileus, prostatic hyperplasia or urinary retention. Regular eye examinations are recommended in patients on long term treatment