

PERPHENAZINE
8 mg tablets

Dear patient,

Please read the following instructions carefully. They contain important information about the use of this medicine. If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Information about Perphenazine

Each tablet contains 8 mg perphenazine. Perphenazine tablets are for oral use.

Perphenazine is a piperazine phenothiazine antipsychotic agent used in the management of psychotic disorders (schizophrenia, delusions and hallucinations).

Perphenazine acts by altering the effects of dopamine in the central nervous system. In addition, it exerts anticholinergic and alpha-adrenergic blocking effects.

PERPHENAZINE is used in the treatment of various psychoses including schizophrenia, mania, and disturbed behavior and in the short-term, adjunctive management of severe anxiety.

PERPHENAZINE is also used for the management of postoperative or chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting and for the treatment of intractable hiccup.

The way to take Perphenazine

Take PERPHENAZINE as directed by your physician. Do not discontinue the treatment without consulting your doctor.

Dosage and duration of treatment are individualized and adjusted according to the severity of the condition under treatment and the response obtained. Treatment is instituted with a low initial dose which may be increased, if necessary, until the desired clinical effect is achieved.

- The usual initial dose for adults for the treatment of schizophrenia, mania, and other psychoses is 4 mg to 8 mg three times daily by mouth (half a tablet to one tablet of 8 mg 3 times daily). The dose is adjusted according to response.

In hospitalized patients, 8 mg to 16 mg 2 to 4 times per day may be used. Dosages over 64 mg/day should be avoided.

- For the control of nausea and vomiting and for the relief of intractable hiccups, the usual dose by mouth is 4 mg three times daily (half a tablet of 8 mg 3 times daily). Doses up to 8 mg (1 tablet) three times daily may be required.

PERPHENAZINE should be given in reduced dosage to elderly patients.

In case of overdose

In case of intake of high doses of this medication, inform your doctor at once and seek emergency medical attention. General measures should be adopted.

In case of missed dose

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember unless the next intake is near. Go on taking the next scheduled dose as directed. Do not take a double dose at once.

Contraindications

This drug is contraindicated in case of:

- history of hypersensitivity to any of the components, or cross sensitivity with other drugs especially other phenothiazine derivatives
- greatly depressed states due to central nervous system depressants
- bone-marrow suppression
- liver damage
- narrow angle glaucoma
- history of agranulocytosis

Precautions

- Consult your doctor before using this medication in case of pregnancy or lactation. Lactation should be avoided during treatment with this drug.

- This drug may impair mental and/or physical abilities required for the performance of potentially hazardous tasks, such as driving a vehicle or operating machinery.

- This drug must be used with caution in elderly patients and in patients with epilepsy, history of seizures, liver or renal diseases, history of glaucoma, prostatic hypertrophy, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disorders, hypocalcemia, diabetes or Parkinson's disease.
- Periodic evaluation of blood count and ophthalmologic examinations are recommended during long term treatment.
- Inform your doctor in case of rise in body temperature, sore throat or if signs of infection occur.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight and extreme heat during the treatment.

Associations with other medications

Please inform your doctor if other medicines are being taken or have been taken recently.

Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages during the treatment with this medication.

Use with caution with levodopa, lithium, magnesium, aluminum and calcium salts, antihypertensives, central nervous system depressants (barbiturates, narcotic analgesics, sedative antihistamines H1, hypnotics, benzodiazepines), anticholinergics, antidepressants, sultopride, amantadine, bromocriptine, lisuride, pergolide, piribedil, ropinirole, cabergoline, pramipexole, and apomorphine.

Adverse reactions

The most reported adverse reactions include: extrapyramidal reactions, tardive dyskinesia (a movement disorder), Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (paleness, hyperpyrexia, muscle rigidity and altered mental status), drowsiness, restlessness, nausea, dry mouth, constipation, urinary retention, allergic reactions, dermatitis, elevation of prolactin levels, photosensitivity, ophthalmic disorders, hematological effects, seizures, postural hypotension, arrhythmias, hyperglycemia and weight gain.

Inform your doctor if any adverse effect appears or becomes bothersome.

Storage

Store at controlled room temperature (up to 30°C), protected from light and humidity, beyond the reach of children.

The expiry date is printed on the pack; don't use this medicine after this date.

Pack Presentation

Perphenazine 8 mg, pack of 40 tablets

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