

SCOPE: ALS, CCT	
<b>MEDICATION:</b>	<b>DIPHENHYDRAMINE (Benadryl)</b>
<b>INTERVENTION:</b>	<p><u>Classification:</u> Antihistamine</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> Competes with histamine for H1-receptor sites on effector cells in the gastrointestinal tract, blood vessels, and respiratory tract. Also has anticholinergic, antipruritic, antitussive, antiemetic, antidyskinetic and sedative effects</p> <p><u>Contraindications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Known hypersensitivity</li> <li>• Nursing mothers</li> </ul> <p><u>Precautions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neonates or premature infants</li> <li>• Concurrent use of CNS depressants</li> <li>• Asthmatics</li> <li>• Increased intraocular pressure/glaucoma</li> <li>• GU obstruction</li> <li>• <b>PREGNANCY RISK FACTOR: B</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Dosage:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <u>Severe Allergic Reaction – Anaphylaxis/Mild Allergic Reaction:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adult:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. IV/IO: 25-50 mg x1</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Pediatric:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 1-2 mg/kg x1, max dose 50 mg</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>II. <u>Parkinsonian Syndrome/Extrapyramidal symptoms/Dystonic reactions:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adult:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. IV/IO: 25-50 mg x1</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Pediatric:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 1-2 mg/kg x1, max dose 50 mg</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><u>Onset of Action:</u> &lt;15 mins</p> <p><u>Duration:</u> 4-6 hrs</p> <p><u>Adverse Effects:</u> Chest tightness, palpitations, hypotension, ataxia, chills, confusion, dizziness, drowsiness, euphoria, excitement, fatigue, headache, insomnia, irritability, nervousness, neuritis, paradoxical excitation, paresthesia, restlessness, sedation, seizure, vertigo, diaphoresis, N/V, tremors, tinnitus, thickened bronchial secretions, wheezing, constriction of the pharynx, nasal congestion</p> <p><u>Special Considerations:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. N/A</li> </ol>

If this is a patient care policy, the information contained herein is used to provide guidance in the care of patients, but should not, and does not replace or preclude the use of clinical judgment.

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