




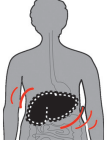









<p>Active ingredients (generic names)</p>	<p>PROMETHAZINE (pro-meth-a-zeen)</p>  <p>Other sedating antihistamines Not included in this monograph — see <i>AMH</i> for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alimemazine • Cyclizine • Cyproheptadine • Dexchlorpheniramine • Diphenhydramine • Doxylamine
<p>What it is used for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergic reactions (eg hayfever, itch, rash) • Itchy eyes (eg fly bite) • Motion sickness (sea or car travel) • Nausea and vomiting • Sedation (eg penetrating eye injury)
<p>How it works</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergic reactions are caused by release of a chemical messenger (neurotransmitter) called histamine • Antihistamines reduce the body's response to allergy by blocking histamine receptors • Promethazine also blocks other receptors to control nausea and prevent vomiting
<p>Side effects</p>	 <p>Neuroleptic malignancy syndrome — life threatening reaction presenting with mental status change, rigidity, fever, and increase heart rate, BP and breathing</p>

 <p>Warnings</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Children under 2 years</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Old people</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Liver trouble</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Epilepsy (fits)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Breathing trouble</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Medical consult if needed for more than a short time (over a week)</p> </div> </div>
<p>Tell the patient</p> 	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Do not drive or operate machinery if sleepy</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Do not drink alcohol (grog) — will make you more sleepy</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Return to clinic if needed for more than a short time</p> </div> </div>
<p>Check</p>	<p>Warning stickers (page 310): 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give by deep IM injection • Avoid IV use • Do not give SC • May cause tissue necrosis — stop injection if there is burning, swelling or pain at injection site • Anti-histamines are stopped 4 days before allergy skin-prick testing