PRESENTATION
Ampoule containing 10 milligrams chlorphenamine malleate in 1ml.

ACTIONS
An antihistamine that blocks the effect of histamine released during a hypersensitivity (allergic) reaction. Also has anticholinergic properties.

INDICATIONS
Severe anaphylactic reactions, secondary to IM adrenaline.
Symptomatic allergic reactions falling short of anaphylaxis but causing patient distress e.g. severe itching etc.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS
Known hypersensitivity.
Children less than 1 year of age.

DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION
Route: IV

Concentration – 10 milligrams in 1ml.

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Administer by SLOW intravenous (IV) injection over 1 minute

CAUTIONS
Hypotension
Epilepsy
Glaucoma
Hepatic disease

SIDE EFFECTS
Sedation
Dry mouth
Headache
Blurred vision
Psychomotor impairment
Gastro-intestinal disturbance
Transient hypotension
Convulsions (rare)

The elderly are more likely to suffer side effects.

Due to the sedative and psychomotor side effects, anyone receiving chlorphenamine should be advised against driving or undertaking any other complex psychomotor skills.