

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.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Route: IV

Concentration – 10 milligrams in 1ml.

AGE	DOSE	VOLUME
Adult >12 years	10 milligrams	1.0ml
Child 6-<12 years	5 – 10 milligrams	0.5ml–1.0ml
Child 1 year-<6 years	2.5 milligrams	0.25ml

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.