



ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE

Prochlorperazine

Scope (Staff): All WNHS Staff

Scope (Area): Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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Medication Class

Dopamine Antagonist

Presentation

Tablet: 5mg

Ampoule: 12.5mg/mL

Storage

Store at room temperature, below 25°C

Dose

Nausea and vomiting

Oral:

Initially 20mg, then 10mg 2 hours later; if still needed, 5-10mg 3 times daily

IM/IV:

12.5mg every 8 hours as needed

Vertigo**Oral:**

5-10mg 2 to 3 times daily

IV/IM:

12.5mg initially, then every 8 hours as needed

Administration

Refer to the [Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook](#)

Monitoring

For short term use only; risk of tardive dyskinesia increases with cumulative dose and length of treatment.

Prochlorperazine potentiates CNS depression.

Pregnancy

1st Trimester: Considered safe to use

2nd Trimester: Considered safe to use

3rd Trimester: Considered safe to use

Breastfeeding

Considered safe to use

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines**WNHS Clinical Practice Guidelines:**

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