

DIPHENHYDRAMINE (Benadryl)

CLASSIFICATION

Sedative, antihistamine

ACTION

1. Potent antihistaminic agent which possesses anticholinergic (antispasmodic), antiemetic and sedative effects.

INDICATIONS

1. Antihistaminic:
 - a. Anaphylaxis as an adjunct to epinephrine
 - b. Uncomplicated allergic conditions of the immediate type

CONTRAINDICATIONS

1. Hypersensitivity
2. Asthmatic attack

USE WITH CAUTION

1. Has Atropine-like action (anticholinergic)

ADVERSE EFFECTS TO OBSERVE FOR AND REPORT TO THE PHYSICIAN

Drowsiness, confusion, nervousness, nausea and vomiting, blurring of vision, dry mouth, nose and throat, tingling, heaviness, weakness in hands, vertigo, hypotension