Promethazine

**Actions:** Long acting derivative of phenothiazine with marked anti-histamine, activity and prominent sedative, amnesic, antiemetic and anti-motion-sickness actions. Antiemetic action thought to be due to depression of chemoreceptor trigger zone (CTZ) of the medulla.

**Indications:**
- As prophylaxis and treatment of motion sickness, nausea and vomiting.

**Contraindications:**
- Do not use in comatose patients or in the presence of large amounts of CNS depressants (e.g. alcohol)
- Do not use in children under 12 years of age (Increased incidence of extrapyramidal activity)
- Do not use in those patients having a known hypersensitivity to phenothiazine class drugs

**Precautions**
- Cautious use for patients with chronic respiratory impairment
- Phenergan has centrally acting sedative properties, which may be heightened in patients under the influence of alcohol or other CNS depressant drugs. Use with caution in this setting
- Patients on MAO inhibitors will increase extrapyramidal symptoms

**Adverse reactions**
- CNS: sedation, drowsiness, dizziness
- Resp: depression, apnea
- CV: transient mild hypotension or hypertension
- Other: dry mouth, blurred vision

**Dosage:**
- Adult: 12.5 – 25mg SIVP. May repeat prn.

**Note:**
Dystonia and extrapyramidal symptoms may occur. Treat occurrences with 12.5 - 25 mg IV Benadryl.

**How supplied:** 25 mg in 2ml