

**PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER**  
**Phenergan® 25 mg Tablets**  
(promethazine hydrochloride)

Your medicine is known as the above but will be referred to as Phenergan Tablets throughout the remainder of this leaflet.

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet (see section 4).
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 7 days.

**What is in this leaflet:**

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**1. What Phenergan Tablets are and what they are used for**

Phenergan Tablets contain a medicine called promethazine hydrochloride.

This belongs to a group of medicines called phenothiazines. It works by blocking a natural substance (histamine) that your body makes during an allergic reaction. It also works directly on the brain to help you feel more relaxed.

**What Phenergan Tablets are used for**

Phenergan Tablets are used to treat the following conditions:

- To treat allergic conditions such as hay fever or rashes (like nettle rash or hives)
- To treat or stop you feeling sick (nausea) or being sick (vomiting) such as travel sickness
- For short term use: to treat adults with difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
- For short term use: as a sedative for children aged 6 years and above

**2. What you need to know before you take Phenergan Tablets**

**Do not take Phenergan Tablets if:**

- X The person taking the medicine is under 6 years of age.
- X You are allergic (hypersensitive) to promethazine hydrochloride or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6). The signs of an allergic reaction include: a rash, swallowing or breathing problems, swelling of your lips, face, throat or tongue.
- X You are taking a medicine for depression called a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI). Also do not take Phenergan Tablets if you have stopped taking one of these MAOI medicines within the last 14 days. If you are not sure ask your doctor or pharmacist (see 'Other medicines and Phenergan Tablets')
- X The person is unconscious (in a coma) or suffers from severe dizziness, drowsiness or headache

Do not take this medicine if any of the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Phenergan Tablets.

**Warnings and precautions**

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking Phenergan Tablets if:**

- ▲ You have difficulty breathing, wheezing, tightness in the chest (asthma) or an infection in your lungs (bronchitis).
- ▲ You have seizure disorders such as epilepsy.
- ▲ You experience an allergic reaction (see section Side Effects), seek medical help right away.
- ▲ You have any serious heart problems.
- ▲ You have any personal or family history of heart disease
- ▲ You have an irregular heartbeat
- ▲ You develop a fever or an infection. Talk to your doctor immediately as laboratory tests to check your blood count may be required.
- ▲ You have liver or kidney problems.
- ▲ You have a stomach blockage or difficulty passing water.
- ▲ You have hearing problems.
- ▲ You have increased pressure in the eye (narrow angle glaucoma).
- ▲ You have had something called Reye's Syndrome or possible Reye's Syndrome – signs include being sick and confused following a viral illness.

**Exposure to sunlight**

Phenergan Tablets can make your skin more sensitive to sunlight. Keep out of direct sunlight while taking this medicine.

**Tests**

Taking Phenergan Tablets may affect the results of certain tests. These include some pregnancy tests and skin tests. Phenergan Tablets should not be taken at least 3 days before the start of a skin test.

If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Phenergan Tablets.

**Children and adolescents**

Do not use in children less than 6 years of age. Because of the risk of choking, the tablets should be avoided in children who have difficulty swallowing tablets.

**Other medicines and Phenergan Tablets**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This includes medicines you can buy without prescription, including herbal medicines. This is because Phenergan Tablets can affect the way some medicines work. Also some medicines can affect the way Phenergan Tablets work.

**In particular, do not take this medicine, and tell your doctor, if you are taking or have taken the following in the last 2 weeks:**

- Some medicines for depression called monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs). If you are not sure ask your doctor or pharmacist

**Also tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any of the following:**

- Anticholinergic medicines – includes some medicines used for irritable bowel syndrome, asthma or weak bladder. These can increase the risk of dizziness, dry mouth and blurred eyesight
- Medicines for mental health problems (antipsychotics such as haloperidol and quetiapine) or depression (antidepressants such as amitriptyline and citalopram).
- Medicines to help you to sleep or feel more relaxed (such as diazepam or zolpidem)
- Medicines such as aspirin (for arthritis and pain in your joints). Phenergan Tablets may hide the side effects of these medicines
- Medicines for the treatment of irregular heartbeats (antiarrhythmics such as quinidine and amiodarone).
- Medicines for the treatment of epilepsy or seizures
- Antimicrobials (such as erythromycin and levofloxacin) for the treatment of infections.

**Phenergan Tablets with alcohol**

Do not drink alcohol while you are taking Phenergan Tablets. This is because it can affect the way the medicine works.

**Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Use of Phenergan Tablets is not recommended during pregnancy. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine if you are a woman of childbearing age and not using effective contraception, or if you are pregnant, might become pregnant, or think you may be pregnant. Phenergan Tablets should not be taken 2 weeks before birth.

You should not take Phenergan Tablets if you are breast-feeding. This is because small amounts may pass into mothers' milk. This can be harmful to your baby.

If you are breast-feeding or planning to breast-feed, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking any medicine.

**Driving and using machines**

You may feel drowsy, dizzy or sleepy or have blurred vision after taking this medicine or the morning after taking this medicine. If this happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines. You should not drive a vehicle or operate machinery until you know how Phenergan Tablets affect you.

**Phenergan Tablets contains lactose:**

If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

**3. How to take Phenergan Tablets**

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

The amount you need to take depends on the reason you are taking Phenergan Tablets. The following information will help you to decide how much you need to take.