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REDPOLL.

Fentazin

(perphenazine BP)

A potent tranquilliser to control agitation, anxiety and tension, and for the treatment of nausea and vomiting.

PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COST

Fentazin Tablets 2mg, 4mg and 8mg each contain perphenazine BP 2mg, 4mg and 8mg, respectively. In cartons of 100 in 10 foil strips of 10 (5 x 2) tablets.
Fentazin Tablets 2mg — £1.67, PL 0045/5082; Fentazin Tablets 4mg — £1.98, PL 0045/5083;
Fentazin Tablets 8mg — £2.48, PL 0045/5084.
Fentazin Injection contains perphenazine BP 5mg in each ampoule of 1ml. Boxes of 5 and 100 ampoules, basic NHS cost of 5 ampoules 42p. PL 0045/5055.

INDICATIONS

For severe anxiety and tension states, particularly where agitation is present; anxiety associated with psychosomatic disorders, compulsive or obsessive disorders; psychotic states characterised by CNS hyperactivity, including schizophrenia of various types and senile psychoses; behaviour disorders; nausea and vomiting; and as adjunctive therapy to analgesics in managing severe pain.

Fentazin Injection is preferred when rapid control of symptoms is essential or when oral administration is impracticable. It may be used as premedication and to control postoperative vomiting. It may be of value in the control of intractable hiccough.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The usual oral dosage is 4mg three times daily and this may be adjusted according to response but the total should not exceed 24mg daily.

Fentazin Injection is given intramuscularly in a dose of 5-10mg, which may be followed by further doses of 5mg at 6-hourly intervals.

Children: Not suitable for children under 14 years of age.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

Fentazin should not be given to patients with leucopenia or with drugs liable to cause bone-marrow depression.

It should be used with caution in patients with congestive heart failure or coronary artery disease. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable.

Side effects include extrapyramidal symptoms such as dystonia, torsion spasm and pseudo-Parkinsonism. Persistent oral dyskinesia has been reported occasionally, particularly in elderly female patients, after long-term treatment with potent phenothiazine drugs including perphenazine.

LEGAL CATEGORY

Prescription only medicine.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

REDPOLL

Acanthis flammea

The Lesser Redpoll is present throughout the year in Britain, although there is some migration. It is more abundant in Northerly regions where increasing conifer afforestation has helped it to flourish. Can often be seen in woods. During colder months may become gregarious with other finches or tits flocking over heath and woodland. Feeds on seeds, mainly of birch, alder and conifers. Insects are also taken. Has a 'chuck-chuck-er' call in flight and a long trilling song. The female builds a flimsy looking nest in a bush, tree or bramble, with a foundation of sticks. The inside of the nest is beautifully constructed of grass, moss and down. Lays 4-6 bluish eggs, spotted and speckled with brown. Both birds are of similar appearance except that the male has a pink breast and rump in summer. The Redpoll attains 5 inches (13 cm) in length.

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

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