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WHEATEAR.

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

WHEATEAR

Oenanthe oenanthe

The Wheatear is a summer visitor from tropical Africa mainly to the north and west, being one of the first birds to arrive in early March. It favours open habitats such as moors, heaths and sand-dunes, where it seems to be constantly on the move searching for food. It takes insects, larvae and occasionally crustaceans on the ground as it hops and bobs about. Sometimes it hovers like a hawk then dives to the ground. Either from its perch or during its dancing flight it gives snatches of song likened to the warbling of a lark. The courtship of the male is unique, he puffs his feathers and hops wildly from one position to another, then drops in front of his mate with spread wings and tail. The nesting site is a hollow in the ground, under a boulder or in a stone wall. The nest is built of grass and moss, lined with hair or other soft material. 5-6 pale blue eggs are laid in one clutch. The female has similar colouring as the winter plumage of the male: brown/buff back and face, but always with a white rump. Both birds reach approximately 6 inches (15 cm) in length.

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

Full prescribing information is available on request.
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