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CHIFF CHAFF

# Fentazin

(perphenazine BP)

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

#### PRESENTATIONS AND BASIC NHS COSTS

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 – £2.17, Fentazin Tablets 4mg – £2.57, Fentazin Tablets 8mg – £3.22. Fentazin Injection contains perphenazine BP 5mg in each ampoule of 1ml. Boxes of 5 and 100 ampoules. Basic NHS cost of 5 ampoules 55p.

#### 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 post-operative 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 to 10mg, which may be followed by further doses of 5mg at six 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.

#### SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

##### CHIFFCHAFF

*Phylloscopus collybita*

The Chiffchaff comes to this country from Africa in the early spring and returns south during October. Although it may be found in most parts of Britain it is rare in Scotland. It favours areas containing trees or shrubs, including large gardens. Insects such as midges may be taken on the wing or snatched from leaves. The Chiffchaff is very similar in appearance to the Willow Warbler but may be distinguished by its song, a repetitive 'chiff-chaff' interspersed with a low churring note. The call note is a high 'ho-cet'. During courtship there is a slow display in flight. The female builds a domed nest of grass, moss and leaves lined with feathers and soft grass. It is usually sited in a low bush or in undergrowth. 5-7 white eggs, finely speckled with purplish-brown, are laid. The sexes are alike in appearance; they reach 4½ inches (11 cm) in length.

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

#### LEGAL CATEGORY

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#### PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBERS

Fentazin Tablets 2mg 0045/5082; Fentazin Tablets 4mg 0045/5083;  
Fentazin Tablets 8mg 0045/5084.  
Fentazin Injection 5mg 0045/5055.

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