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BLACK GROUSE.

Piriton

(chlorpheniramine maleate BP)

Symptomatic control of all allergic conditions responsive to antihistamines

PRESENTATIONS AND BASIC NHS COSTS

Piriton Tablets each contain chlorpheniramine maleate BP 4mg in containers of 50 and 500. Basic NHS cost of 50 tablets is 50p, and of 500 tablets £4.64.

Piriton Syrup contains chlorpheniramine maleate BP 4mg per 10ml. Basic NHS cost of a bottle of 150ml is 29p.

Piriton Spandets are sustained release tablets which each contain chlorpheniramine maleate BP 12mg in containers of 100. Basic NHS cost is £2.64.

Piriton Injection contains chlorpheniramine maleate BP 10mg per 1ml ampoule in boxes of 5 and 100 ampoules. Basic NHS cost of 5 ampoules is 61p, and of 100 ampoules £12.18.

INDICATIONS

Symptomatic control of allergic conditions such as urticaria, angioneurotic oedema, food allergy, drug and serum reactions, pruritus ani et vulvae, insect bites and stings, hay fever and vasomotor rhinitis.

Piriton Injection is particularly suitable for acute and severe conditions, and for use in emergencies.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Piriton oral preparations:

Adults: One tablet or 10ml of syrup 3 or 4 times daily. One Piriton Spandet every 8 to 12 hours.

Children: Up to 1 year: 2-5ml of syrup twice daily; 1 to 5 years: 2-5 to 5ml of syrup 3 times daily; 6 to 12 years: ½ to 1 tablet or 5 to 10ml of syrup 3 or 4 times daily; over 12 years: adult dosage for tablets or syrup or 1 Spandet daily.

Piriton Injection:

Administration may be subcutaneous, intramuscular or intravenous.

The usual adult dosage is an initial dose of 10 to 20mg and not more than 40mg per 24 hours. For intravenous use Piriton should be diluted with 5 to 10ml of blood in the syringe and injected slowly over 1 minute.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

All antihistamines may cause drowsiness or dizziness. In consequence, until the effect of treatment is known, patients should be warned not to take charge of vehicles or machinery. The sedative action of alcohol may be potentiated by antihistamines so that drowsiness may occur if alcohol is taken. Tartrazine is included in all the oral preparations of Piriton. With Piriton Injection a stinging or burning sensation at the injection site has been reported. Rapid intravenous injection may cause transitory hypotension or CNS stimulation.

LEGAL CATEGORY

Piriton oral preparations **P**

Piriton Injection **POM**

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

BLACK GROUSE

Lyrurus tetrix

The Black Grouse or Blackcock is found mainly in northerly regions of Britain, especially in Scotland, although numbers have increased in North Wales; there are a few in Somerset. The habitat is moor and marshlands by woods; modern afforestation has helped the species. The food is pine and birch shoots, seeds and also some insects. The call or courtship notes consist of crowing, hissing and bubbling noises so loud that they can be heard up to 2 miles away. The lek is a communal mating area where the cocks gather first to hold mock battles. They droop their wings, expand their red combs and hop up and down with tails fanned. Mating takes place at the lek; afterwards the female is left on her own to rear the young. She makes a scrape on the ground, under cover, using a sparse lining. 6-10 eggs, coloured buff with red-brown spots, are laid. The male has a more exciting appearance with markings of glossy black and white. The female, known as the Greyhen, is browner and well camouflaged. The respective lengths are 21 inches (53 cm) and 14 inches (36 cm).

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

PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBERS

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Piriton Injection 0045/5056.

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