Medication Formulary

Generic Name: Diphenhydramine

Brand Name: Benadryl

Class: Antihistamine

Actions: Prevents histamine response by blocking H_1 receptor sites. Helps relieve extrapyramidal symptoms.

Onset: Maximum effect in 1-3 hours

Duration: 6-12 hours

Indications: Moderate to severe allergic reaction, anaphylaxis, patients exhibiting extra pyramidal side effects (dystonia, tremors, slurred speech, anxiety/paranoia)

Contraindications: MAO inhibitors, hypersensitivity, narrow angle glaucoma, newborns, and nursing mothers.

Side Effects: Drowsiness, sedation, altered coordination, hypotension, palpitations, tachycardia, bradycardia, thickening of bronchial secretion, dry mouth, excitement in children.

Interactions: MAO inhibitors, CNS depressants will potentiate.

Administration Routes: IV, IO, IM