

AA-PERPHENAZINE TABLET

Perphenazine (4mg)

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What AA-Perphenazine is used for

AA-Perphenazine is indicated as a treatment for symptoms of psychotic disorders particularly to calm hyperactive or excited psychotic individuals. This medication can treat behavioral disorders and work as a prevention or relieve of nausea and vomiting due to cancer therapy.

How AA-Perphenazine works

AA-Perphenazine is a prescription medication containing the active ingredient, perphenazine. It works by maintaining amounts of certain natural substances in the brain, decreasing abnormal excitement in the brain.

Before you use AA-Perphenazine

- When you must not take it

- If you are allergic to perphenazine, or any ingredients of this medication.
- If you are taking medicines that make you sleepy.

- If you have any blood disorder or liver damage.

- Before you start to take it

Before taking AA-Perphenazine your doctor needs to know:

- Any other medical condition that you may have including alcoholic, heart and blood vessel disease, chest pain.
- Whether you are planning to get pregnant, are currently pregnant or are nursing an infant;
- If you have any known history of seizures.

- Taking Other Medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, if you have taken any recently, or if you start taking new ones. This includes medicines bought without a prescription.

- Opiates, barbiturates (sedative)
- Atropine (treatment of insecticide poisoning)
- Guanethidine (high blood pressure medicine)
- Epinephrine (treatment of life threatening allergic reactions)

How to use AA-Perphenazine

- How much to use

Control of Hyperactivity/Excitation:

The recommended total daily dose in those who are capable of walking ordinarily should not exceed 6 tablets. Depending on the situation; your doctor may temporarily prescribe you with more than 6 tablets daily, especially during early management.

For the rapid control of acute conditions, injection may be given every 6 hours, but oral therapy should be taken as soon as possible.

Never increase or decrease the amount of Apo-Perphenazine you, or those in your care if you are a caregiver or guardian, are taking unless your doctor tells you to

Control of nausea and vomiting:

Daily doses of 2 to 6 tablets may be given in divided amounts. Children: The lower range of the adult dosage may be used in children over 12. Dosage for children under 12 years of age has not been established.

- When to use it

AA-Perphenazine should be taken according to the doctor's instructions or the label. Swallow the tablet(s) with water and without chewing.

- How long to use it

Do not stop taking this medication without consulting your doctor.

- If you forget to use it

As soon as you remember, take the missed dose. Unless if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose, skip the missed dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up the missed dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Symptoms of overdose include

- Drowsiness, dizziness
- Muscular twitching
- Repetitive or twisting movements
- Twisted and tilted neck
- Tremor
- Salivation
- Difficulty in swallowing
- Disturbances in the way you walk

Contact your doctor or nearest hospital emergency department even though you may not feel sick.

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While you are using it

- Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Apo-Perphenazine.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not give AA-Perphenazine to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

As the use of AA-Perphenazine may cause drowsiness, due caution should therefore be exercised when driving a car or operating potentially dangerous machinery. Should you suffer from any unwanted side effect, please contact your doctor.

Side effects

The side effects of taking AA-Perphenazine might differ for every individual. Some adverse effects may be more likely to occur in people with special medical problems, e.g. individual with heart disease or tumor of adrenal gland have experienced severe low blood pressure following recommended doses of perphenazine.

The possible side effects include:

- Behavioral reaction
Oversedation; agitation, excitement, sleeping difficulty, bizarre dreams, aggravation of

psychotic symptoms; and confusion

- Extrapyramidal symptoms
Rigidity, expressionless face, tremors, drooling, dragging feet, difficulty swallowing, tardive dyskinesia (protrusion of tongue, puffing of cheeks, puckering of mouth, chewing movements)
- Autonomic nervous system
Dry mouth, fainting, stuffy nose, fear of light, blurred vision, pupil constriction.
- Gastrointestinal
Changes of appetite, gastric irritation, constipation, nausea, vomiting.
- Endocrine system
Altered sex drive, menstrual irregularities, false positive pregnancy tests, delayed ejaculation, enlargement of breast in men, weight gain.
- Skin
Itching, rash, swollen taste buds, swelling of the lower layer of skin, skin inflammation, abnormal pigmentation
- Cardiovascular effects
Low blood pressure, rapid heart beat, ECG test changes.
- Allergic reaction
Fever, asthma.
- Liver
Jaundice
- Urinary disturbances
Retention of urine, uncontrolled urine leaking
- Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome
High fever, muscle rigidity, altered mental status and irregular pulse or blood pressure.

If you feel any other forms of discomfort when you take the

medication, let your doctor know as soon as possible.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers→Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and disposal of AA-Perphenazine

- Storage

Remember to keep AA-Perphenazine and all medications safely away from children.

Do not use this medicine after the month and year written after EXP on the container.

Store AA-Perphenazine at below 30°C.

- Disposal

Ask your pharmacist what to do with any tablets you have left over if your doctor tells you to stop taking them, or you find that the expiry date has passed.

Product Description

- What it looks like

The tablets are white, round, biconvex, film-coated tablet, engraved 4 on one side, other side plain.

- Ingredients

Active ingredient: Perphenazine

Inactive ingredients: Magnesium Stearate, Lactose Monohydrate, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Starch, Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose, Polyethylene Glycol, Titanium Dioxide, Purified Water, Carnauba Wax.

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- MAL numbers

AA-Perphenazine 4mg tablet:

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