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P A T I E N T I N F O R M A T I O N

The side effects listed below are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor or oncology nurse to report any medical problems.

Dose _____

PROCHLORPERAZINE (Compazine®)

Purpose

To assist in decreasing nausea and/or vomiting before, during and after chemotherapy treatments.

Routes of Administration

- Orally (By mouth)
- Rectally (Into the rectum)
- Intravenously (Into the vein)
- Intramuscularly (Into the muscle)

Possible Temporary Side Effects

- Drowsiness
- Dry mouth
- Constipation
- Extra-pyramidal symptoms (temporary symptoms which include facial or neck tightness, thick tongue or slurred speech, droopy mouth, lip smacking, muscle spasms, or jerky movements of the head, tongue, jaw, arms or legs).

Instructions

Notify your doctor immediately if you experience any of the extra pyramidal symptoms as described above. These symptoms are reversible and are not a cause for alarm. The over-the-counter medication called Benadryl® can relieve these symptoms.

- a. If you feel drowsy from this medication, do not drive a vehicle or operate machinery.
- b. This medication will add to the drowsiness caused by alcohol or other medications such as those taken for colds/allergies, sleep, pain, muscle spasms or nausea. Use combinations of these medications with caution, and be sure to discuss their use with your doctor.