

DYSTONIC REACTION



INFORMATION

Dystonic reactions are characterized by intermittent spasmodic or sustained involuntary contractions of muscles in the face, neck, trunk, pelvis, extremities, and even the larynx. Typically, antipsychotic (Haldol, Lithium, etc.), antiemetic (Compazine, Reglan, etc.) or antidepressant (Prozac, Paxil etc.) medications are responsible. A dystonic reaction can occur immediately or be delayed for hours to days.



ADULT

BENADRYL : 50mg IV/IO/IM. Administer over 2 minutes for IV/IO usage. (See Box Below)



PEDIATRIC

BENADRYL: 1mg/kg IV/IO *or* IM if unable to obtain IV access. Max total dose 50mg. Administer over 2 minutes for IV/IO usage. (See Box Below)

BENADRYL ADMINISTRATION IV/IO: Dilute with 9 mL of Normal Saline.