Administration
PATIENT GROUP DIRECTION (PGD) FOR

CHLORPHENAMINE (Chlorpheniramine) 10mg in 1ml INJECTION

YOU MUST BE AUTHORISED BY NAME, UNDER THE CURRENT VERSION OF THIS PGD BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO WORK ACCORDING TO IT

Clinical Condition	
Indication	Acute urticaria and control of allergic reactions
Inclusion criteria	Patients 2 year of age and over presenting at MIU with severe reaction to insect stings and bites, hay fever, rhinitis, severe pruritis, drug and serum reactions, angioneurotic oedema
Exclusion criteria If any of the following apply the PGD CANNOT be used and the patient must be referred to a prescriber	Children under 2 year of age Allergy to chlorphenamine or other antihistamines Patient who has taken a sedating antihistamine in the previous four hours or a non sedating antihistamine in the preceding 12 hours. Patients who have taken monoamine oxidase inhibitors within the last 14 days. Hepatic impairment Patient with epilepsy Pregnancy / breast feeding Individuals who have recently had alcohol, opioid analgesics, hypnotics or anxiolytics – may increase sedation Individuals with cardiovascular disease, prostatic hypertrophy, urinary retention, glaucoma, gastric obstruction
Cautions - Seek further advice from doctor before proceeding and document advice	May cause drowsiness, dizziness blurred vision, psychomotor impairment and stimulation which may be more apparent in children or the elderly. Lung disease eg asthma, bronchiectasis, bronchitis Thyrotoxicosis & cardiovascular disease
Action if patient declines or is excluded	Refer for medical assessment or use alternative antihistamine as appropriate
Drug Details	
Name, form & strength of medicine	Chlorphenamine injection 10mg in 1ml
Legal status	Prescription Only Medicine (POM)
Route/Method	Intramuscular (IM)
Dosage	Age – Dose Child 2 – 5 years – 2.5 to 5mg (or 200 microgram/kg) Child 6 – 12 years – 5 to 10mg (or 200 microgram/kg) Adult – 10 - 20mg
Frequency	One dose only
Quantity to administer	See under dose

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Side effects	Side effects include drowsiness, dizziness, headache, dry mouth, tinnitus, and blurred vision. Psychomotor impairment and urinary retention. Palpitations and dyspepsia Some patients have reported a stinging or burning sensation at the site of injection. Rapid intravenous injection may cause transitory hypotension or CNS stimulation.
Advice to patient/carer	Give patient information leaflet. If causes drowsiness, dizziness, blurred vision and psychomotor impairment do not drive or use machinery. Children and the elderly are more likely to experience the neurological anticholinergic effects eg paradoxical excitation in children and confusional psychosis in the elderly can occur.
Follow up	Refer for medical follow up if allergic reaction generalised
Staff Characteristics	
Professional qualifications	Registered nurses and paramedics with a minor injuries qualification
Specialist competencies or qualifications	As above after discussion and agreement with the departmental lead. Has completed the PGD online Open Learning Package and is therefore competent to supply and administer medicines under PGDs in this trust. Is trained in the management of anaphylaxis.
Continuing education & training	The practitioner should be aware of any change to the recommendations for the medicine listed. It is the responsibility of the individual to keep up-to-date with clinical developments as part of their continued professional development
Referral Arrangements and Audit Trail	
Records/audit trail	Patient's name, address, date of birth, Contact details of GP (if registered), Diagnosis, Dose and site injected. Advice given to patient (Including side effects/self care), Signature/name of staff who administered or supplied the medication. Details of any adverse drug reaction and actions taken including documentation in the patient's medical record Record the use of the PGD on departmental log sheet.
References/Resources and comments	SPC – Summary of Product Characteristics BNF – British National Formulary, BNF for children

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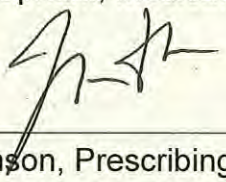
Clinical Authorisation		
Lead Doctor	Dr John Devapriam, Medical Director Signature:  Date: 9/7/19	
Lead Pharmacist	Dr Alex Johnson, Prescribing Support Pharmacist Signature:  Date: 10.7.19	
Organisational Authorisation		
On behalf of Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust	Michelle Clarke, Director of Nursing & Quality Signature: Nourse Date: 8/7/19	
Patient Group Direction Peer Reviewed by		
Senior MIU Nurses		

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Individual Authorisation

PGDs DO NOT REMOVE INHERENT PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS OR ACCOUNTABILITY.

It is the responsibility of each professional to practice only within the bounds of their own competence and in accordance with their own Code of Professional Conduct.

Note to Authorising Managers: authorised staff should be provided with an individual copy of the clinical content of the PGD and a photocopy of the document showing their authorisation. Authorising managers should be sure that staff signed up to use the PGD have the necessary competence, training and knowledge to apply it.

I have read and understood the Patient Group Direction and agree to supply/administer this medicine only in accordance with this PGD. I confirm that I have the necessary competence, training and knowledge to apply it.

Name of Professional	Signature	Authorising Manager	Date