

Diphenhydramine (BENADRYL®)

- Class:** Antihistamine, Anticholinergic
- Actions:** Blocks cellular histamine receptors, but does not prevent histamine release; results in ↓ capillary permeability and ↓ vasodilation, as well as prevention of bronchospasm. Also mild antiemetic.
- Rx:**
- Allergic reaction/Acute anaphylaxis.
 - Nausea
- Contra:** Asthma, pregnant or lactating females.
- SE:** Sedation, dry bronchial secretions, blurred vision, H/A, palpitations.
- Dosage:** For allergic reactions or anaphylaxis; 25-50 mg IV, or deep IM.
- Peds:** 1 – 2 mg/kg IV, IO slow, or IM
- Notes:** In children, may cause paradoxical CNS excitation, palpitations, seizures.

Supplied in SVMCA Drug Box: 50 mg/ 1 ml carpject