

# DRUG CARD

Diphenhydramine

Benadryl

Generic Name

Trade Name

Pharmacologic Class: • Antihistamine

Therapeutic Class: • Allergy  
• Cold and cough remedy  
• Antihistamine  
• Antitussive

Action: • Antagonizes effects of histamine  
• CNS depression

Indication: • Allergy  
• Anaphylaxis  
• Sedation  
• Motion sickness  
• Antitussive

Reason Given (Disease States): \_\_\_\_\_

## Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:	Post Administration Evaluation:	Nursing Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May cause drowsiness, anorexia, dry mouth, nausea, chest tightness, thick secretions, hypotension, blurred vision, headache</li><li>• Anticholinergic effects (dry mouth, blurred vision, constipation, sedation)</li><li>• Assess purpose of medication prior to giving it</li><li>• Assess allergies, sleep patterns, cough and lung sounds</li><li>• Patient should avoid other over-the-counter cough and cold remedies</li></ul>
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