# Drug Information Table

**Therapeutic Use**

- Nausea and vomiting from chemotherapy, opioids, radiation therapy, toxins
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- Diabetic gastroparesis

**Administration**

- Give orally or IV.
- When treating chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, give the drug IV slowly (over 15 min) starting 30 min before chemotherapy administration, and then 2, 4, 7, 10, and 13 hr later.
- Administer doses of 10 mg or less intravenously over 1 to 2 min
- Give oral forms 30 min before meals and at bedtime.

**Side/Adverse Effects**

- Sedation
- Diarrhea
- Extrapyramidal symptoms, especially tardive dyskinesia (long-term, high doses, irreversible)
- Dry mouth

**Interventions**

- Monitor patients when ambulating.
- Monitor for severe diarrhea and dehydration.
- Recommend the lowest possible dose for the shortest duration of time.
- Monitor for restlessness, anxiety, spasms of the face and neck, lip smacking, writhing motions, and involuntary movements.
- Monitor for dry mouth.

**Patient Instructions**

- Do not take prior to driving or activities requiring mental alertness.
- Sit or lie down if feeling drowsy.
- Change positions gradually.
- Report diarrhea.
- Drink plenty of clear fluids.
- Report restlessness, anxiety, or spasms of the face and neck, lip smacking, writhing motions, and involuntary movements.
- Suck on hard candy or chew gum.
- Sip water.

**Contraindications**

- Gastrointestinal obstruction, hemorrhage, perforation
- Uncontrolled seizure disorders
- Pheochromocytoma
- Breast cancer

**Precautions**

- Heart failure
- Hypertension
- Asthma
- Parkinson’s disease
- Hypokalemia
- Porphyria
- Seizure disorders
- Liver or kidney dysfunction
- Older adults

**Interactions**

- Other CNS depressants increase sedative effects and the risk for seizures.
- Opioids and anticholinergics decrease therapeutic effects.
- Phenothiazines worsen extrapyramidal symptoms.
- Absorption of many drugs decreases, including acetaminophen (Tylenol), aspirin, diazepam (Valium), tetracycline, digoxin (Lanoxin), and lithium (Lithobid).