

ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: **Medication**

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MEDICATION promethazine w/ codeine VN# 68  
CATEGORY CLASS antitussive, opioid analgesics REVIEW MODULE CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE OF MEDICATION**

**Expected Pharmacological Action**  
Suppresses cough through its action on the central nervous system to increase cough threshold

**Therapeutic Use**  
Chronic nonproductive cough to decrease the frequency and intensity

**Complications**  
CNS: dizziness, lightheadedness, drowsiness, respiratory depression  
GI: nausea, vomiting, constipation

**Medication Administration**  
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**Contraindications/Precautions**  
• in pts w/ known hypersensitivity to drug  
• cold, allergy med, sedatives, narcotics, sleeping pills, seizure med  
• depression meds  
• alcohol • avoid UV beds  
• children younger than 12

**Nursing Interventions**  
• monitor hypotension, respiratory depression, profound sedation

**Interactions**  
• cold/allergy meds  
• narcotics  
• alcohol  
• sedatives  
• sleeping pills

**Client Education**  
• Take exactly as directed  
• look for signs of respiratory depression

**Evaluation of Medication Effectiveness**  
• cough improves  
• pain decreases  
• relieve allergy/rash ect.

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