

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: oral suspension, oral solution

#### Solution for injection

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Sulfites

- ▶ **Phenergan** (Sanofi)

**Promethazine hydrochloride 25 mg per 1 ml** Phenergan 25mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules | 10 ampoule [PoM] £6.74 DT = £6.74

#### Oral solution

CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 2

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Sulfites

ELECTROLYTES: May contain Sodium

- ▶ **Phenergan** (Sanofi)

**Promethazine hydrochloride 1 mg per 1 ml** Phenergan 5mg/5ml elixir sugar-free | 100 ml [P] £2.85 DT = £2.85

#### Tablet

CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 2

- ▶ **Promethazine hydrochloride (Non-proprietary)**

**Promethazine hydrochloride 10 mg** Promethazine hydrochloride 10mg tablets | 56 tablet [PoM] £3.67 DT = £3.67

**Promethazine hydrochloride 25 mg** Promethazine hydrochloride 25mg tablets | 56 tablet [P] £4.65-£4.91 DT = £4.85

- ▶ **Phenergan** (Sanofi)

**Promethazine hydrochloride 10 mg** Phenergan 10mg tablets | 56 tablet [P] £2.96 DT = £3.67

**Promethazine hydrochloride 25 mg** Phenergan Nighttime 25mg tablets | 14 tablet [P] £2.79

Phenergan 25mg tablets | 56 tablet [P] £4.65 DT = £4.85

- ▶ **Sominex** (Teva UK Ltd)

**Promethazine hydrochloride 20 mg** Sominex 20mg tablets | 8 tablet [P] £1.89 DT = £1.89 | 16 tablet [P] £2.69 DT = £2.69

#### ● NATIONAL FUNDING/ACCESS DECISIONS

##### NICE decisions

- ▶ **Pharmalgen<sup>®</sup>** for the treatment of bee and wasp venom allergy (February 2012) NICE TA246

*Pharmalgen<sup>®</sup>* is an option for the treatment of IgE-mediated bee and wasp venom allergy in those who have had:

- a severe systemic reaction to bee or wasp venom, or
- a moderate systemic reaction to bee or wasp venom and who have a raised baseline serum-tryptase concentration, a high risk of future stings, or anxiety about future stings.

Treatment with *Pharmalgen<sup>®</sup>* should be initiated and monitored in a specialist centre experienced in venom immunotherapy.

[www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta246](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta246)

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug.

#### Powder and solvent for solution for injection

- ▶ **Bee Venom** (ALK-Abello Ltd)

**Bee venom 120 nanogram** Pharmalgen Bee Venom 120nanogram powder and solvent for solution for injection vials | 1 vial [PoM] [S]

**Bee venom 1.2 microgram** Pharmalgen Bee Venom 1.2microgram powder and solvent for solution for injection vials | 1 vial [PoM] [S]

**Bee venom 12 microgram** Pharmalgen Bee Venom 12microgram powder and solvent for solution for injection vials | 1 vial [PoM] [S]

**Bee venom 120 microgram** Pharmalgen Bee Venom maintenance set 120microgram powder and solvent for solution for injection vials | 4 vial [PoM] £150.00

## VACCINES > ALLERGEN-TYPE

### Bee venom extract

28-Apr-2020

#### ● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

##### Hypersensitivity to bee venom

- ▶ BY SUBCUTANEOUS INJECTION

- ▶ Child: (consult product literature)

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

##### DESENSITISING VACCINES

In view of concerns about the safety of desensitising vaccines, it is recommended that they are used by specialists and only for the following indications:

- seasonal allergic hay fever (caused by pollen) that has not responded to anti-allergic drugs;
- hypersensitivity to wasp and bee venoms. Manufacturer advises desensitising vaccines should generally be avoided or used with particular care in patients with asthma.

- **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** Consult product literature

- **CAUTIONS** Consult product literature

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: bee venom extract

- **SIDE-EFFECTS**

**SIDE-EFFECTS, FURTHER INFORMATION** Life-threatening hypersensitivity reactions can occur. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation must be immediately available. Manufacturer advises monitoring for at least 1 hour after injection.

- **PREGNANCY** Avoid.

- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Each set of allergen extracts usually contains vials for the administration of graded amounts of allergen to patients undergoing hyposensitisation. Maintenance sets containing vials at the highest strength are also available. Product literature must be consulted for details of allergens, vial strengths, and administration.

## Grass pollen extract

28-Apr-2020

#### ● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

##### Treatment of seasonal allergic hay fever due to grass pollen in patients who have failed to respond to anti-allergy drugs

- ▶ BY SUBCUTANEOUS INJECTION

- ▶ Child: (consult product literature)

##### Treatment of seasonal allergic hay fever due to grass pollen in patients who have failed to respond to anti-allergy drugs (initiated under specialist supervision)

- ▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 5-17 years: 1 tablet daily, treatment to be started at least 4 months before start of pollen season and continue for up to 3 years

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

##### DESENSITISING VACCINES

In view of concerns about the safety of desensitising vaccines, it is recommended that they are used by specialists and only for the following indications:

- seasonal allergic hay fever (caused by pollen) that has not responded to anti-allergic drugs;
- hypersensitivity to wasp and bee venoms. Manufacturer advises desensitising vaccines should generally be avoided or used with particular care in patients with asthma.

- **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** Consult product literature

- **CAUTIONS** Consult product literature

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: grass pollen extract

- **SIDE-EFFECTS**

**SIDE-EFFECTS, FURTHER INFORMATION** Hypersensitivity reactions to immunotherapy can be life-threatening; bronchospasm usually develops within 1 hour and anaphylaxis within 30 minutes of injection. Therefore, cardiopulmonary resuscitation must be immediately available and patients need to be monitored for at least 1 hour after injection. If symptoms or signs of hypersensitivity develop (e.g. rash, urticaria,