**Supplementary medicines information for palliative care patients**

All medicines are supplied with a manufacturer’s ‘Patient Information Leaflet’. This can provide a great deal of information about the medicine, its normal uses and side effects. However, most medicines have more than one effect on the body and for many years, palliative care (hospice) doctors have found that certain medicines are safe and effective for the treatment of symptoms ***other*** than those specified by the medicine’s manufacturer and there is now plenty of experience to confirm such use.

We are providing you with this extra information to inform you of the reason(s) why you are taking this medicine and to highlight any other information. This should be read in conjunction with the ***attached*** manufacturer’s patient information leaflet.

**CYCLIZINE**

**In palliative care, cyclizine is normally prescribed for the prevention of nausea and sickness associated with obstruction in the bowel (gut) or associated with cancer in the brain.**

**Frequently asked questions**

***Q. What form(s) of this medicine are there and how is it usually taken?***

* Cyclizine is supplied as an injection and in tablet form.
* For specialist palliative care use, cyclizine is usually administered just below the skin (subcutaneously) either by a continuous infusion or sometimes as a single injection when necessary for extra symptom relief.
* The tablets are taken by mouth.

**NB Always follow the dose indicated on the label or advised by a healthcare professional.**

***Q. What are the most common side effects?***

* Drowsiness, dry mouth, blurred vision, difficulty in passing urine, headache, nervousness and thickening of mucous secretions.

**Further information**

If you have any questions about any of the medicines you have been prescribed or have any problems with side effects, please speak to one of the following:

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