

BENADRYL (DIPHENHYDRAMINE)

NEVER GIVE TO A CHILD UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

Dose every 6 hours. We use Benadryl for the treatment of hives or itching. When an allergic reaction occurs, histamine is released into the blood stream. It is the histamine that is responsible for the itching, sneezing or rash that sometimes occurs. Benadryl is an “anti-histamine” that blocks these nuisances. Antihistamines can cause drowsiness, dry mouth and at times an upset stomach. Some children have the opposite effect and get “hyper”, this is an inconvenience more than a medical concern. Antihistamines can be given with antibiotics, Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, decongestants and cough suppressants. Benadryl should not be given for Croup, since it dries the air passages.

Weight:	Liquid 12.5mg/5ml	Chewable Tablets 12.5mg each	Tablets 25mg each
17-21 lbs	3/4 tsp (3.75ml)	Use liquid	Use liquid
22-32 lbs	1 tsp (5ml)	1 tablet	Use liquid or chews
33-42 lbs	1 1/2 tsp (7.5ml)	1 1/2 tablet	Use liquid or chews
43-53 lbs	2 tsp (10ml)	2 tablets	1 tablet
54-64 lbs	2 1/2 tsp (12.5ml)	2 1/2 tablets	
65-75 lbs	3 tsp (15ml)	3 tablets	
76-86 lbs	3 1/2 tsp (17.5ml)	3 1/2 tablets	
>86 lbs	4 tsp (20ml)	4 tablets	2 tablets