METOCLOPRAMIDE (MAXOLON) (A)
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TYPE: Antiemetic [S4]

PRESENTATION: 10 mg in 2ml ampoules

ACTION: Antiemetic centrally acting on brain stem
increases gastric emptying
Onset: 3 – 15 minutes (IV)
Duration: 30 minutes

USES: Prevent vomiting:
1. When narcotic analgesic is to be administered
2. High spinal injury
3. Serious eye injury
4. Suspected ischaemic chest pain
Treat nausea & vomiting

ADVERSE EFFECTS: Uncommon with usual doses
Occasionally:
1. Drowsiness
2. Lethargy
3. Dry mouth
4. Oculogyric crisis, facial spasms
5. Speech difficulties.
Side effects may be more common in dehydrated adolescents.

PRECAUTIONS: Concomitant phenothiazide tranquilliser use – will
increase the likelihood of side effects.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS: 1. Previous reaction
2. G.I. bleeding

DOSE: Adult dose:
10 mg IV over 2 minutes
IM 10 mg
Give prior to narcotic administration
Single dose only
Paediatric dose: Not used