





ADULT Medication Monograph

# CHLORPROMAZINE

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<b>Presentation</b>	Tablet: 10mg, 25mg, 100mg Ampoule: 50mg/2mL
<b>Dose</b>	<b><u>Chronic Psychosis</u></b> <b>Oral:</b> 25 - 100mg three or four times daily. Adjust dose according to response.  <b><u>Control of nausea and vomiting (palliative care)</u></b> <b>Oral:</b> 10 – 25mg every 4 to 6 hours as necessary
<b>Administration</b>	<b><u>Oral</u></b> Take with or without food. Swallow whole if possible to reduce risk of direct irritation to oral mucosa.  <i>Note:</i> parenteral use of chlorpromazine is no longer recommended. The solutions are irritant and may cause hypotension, necrosis (IM) or sudden death (IV). Contact pharmacy for more information if required.
<b>Pregnancy</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester:</b> Considered safe to use <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester:</b> Considered safe to use <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester:</b> Considered safe to use
<b>Breastfeeding</b>	Monitoring required
<b>Monitoring</b>	Sedation, orthostatic hypotension, photosensitivity, extrapyramidal side effects Weight, BP, serum lipids, BGLs, ECG (for QT interval prolongation), smoking status. For more information refer to: <a href="#">NPS Antipsychotic Monitoring Tool</a>
<b>Clinical Guidelines and Policies</b>	KEMH Clinical Guideline: O&G: <a href="#">Palliative Care</a>

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