

**Home Health VNA
IV Medication Clinical Fact Sheet**

IV Medication: Diphenhydramine / Benadryl Risk Level: n/a
Med Class: Antihistamine

Common Uses: Treatment/ prevention of mild allergic reaction
Labs to Monitor: 0

Instructions/Precautions: Drowsiness, VS, Beers List - caution in elderly- may cause confusion

First Dose Allowed:

Y

Central Line Only:

N

IV Push:

N

Vesicant:

N

See Procedure Manual: n/a

Notes: Only drugs listed as First Dose Allowed may be given in the home as a first dose and are considered for a first dose on a case by case basis by the IV Program Manager
The IV Manager and/or Clinical Director must be consulted before a first dose referral is accepted

Risk Levels: n/a = Routinely given; Clinician must be approved to administer IV medications
1= IV Program Mgr or Clinical Director approval before referral is accepted
2= IV Program Mgr notification; Clinicians must review Special Instructions