

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

Manual	Emergency Medical Services Administrative Policies and Procedures	Policy Number 530.28
Subject	Paramedic Treatment Protocols DYSTONIC REACTIONS TO PHENOTHIAZINE DRUGS	Page 1 of 1
References	Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4 of the California Code of Regulations	Effective Fresno County: 01/15/82 Kings County: 04/10/89 Madera County: 06/15/85 Tulare County: 04/19/05

STANDING ORDERS	
1. Assessment	ABCs
2. Secure Airway	Protect with position, basic airway maneuvers, pharyngeal airway, advanced airway if indicated, assist respirations as needed, suction as needed.
3. Diphenhydramine	50 mg IM
4. IV Access	<u>Pediatric Dose:</u> Saline lock - 1mg/kg slow IV push or IM (maximum dose 50 mg)
4. Transport	
5. Contact Hospital	Per EMS Policy #530.02.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND PRIORITIES

1. Patient may present with restlessness, muscle spasms of the neck, jaw and back, head deviation to one side or the other, eye deviation, difficulty speaking due to a "thick" tongue, involuntary arm or leg twitching/jerking.
2. Examples of Phenothiazines include: chlorpromazine (Thorazine), metoclopramide (Reglan), prochlorperazine (Compazine), and promethazine hydrochloride (Phenergan).
3. Other medications that can cause dystonic reactions include: droperidol (Inapsine) and haloperidol (Haldol).

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