

Doriden® (glutethimide)

INDICATIONS: For night-time, daytime, and preoperative sedation, as well as during first stage of labor.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Known hypersensitivity to glutethimide.

WARNINGS: Caution patients about possible combined effects with alcohol and other CNS depressants. Do not operate machinery, drive motor vehicle, or engage in activities requiring complete alertness shortly after ingesting drug.

Dosage of coumarin anticoagulants may require adjustments during and on cessation of glutethimide therapy.

Physical and Psychological Dependence:

Physical and psychological dependence have occurred. Prescribe cautiously for patients known to take excessive quantities of drugs. Limit repeated prescriptions without adequate medical supervision. Withdrawal symptoms include nausea, abdominal discomfort, tremors, convulsions, and delirium. Newborn infants of mothers dependent on glutethimide may also exhibit withdrawal symptoms. In the presence of dependence, dosage should be reduced gradually.

Pregnancy: Use of any drug in pregnancy or lactation requires weighing potential benefits against hazards.

PRECAUTIONS: Total daily dosage above 1 Gm is not recommended for continued administration. In presence of pain, an analgesic should also be prescribed.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Withdraw glutethimide if a generalized skin rash occurs. Rash usually clears spontaneously 2 or 3 days after withdrawal. Occasionally, hemorrhagic or urticarial rash may occur. In recommended doses, there have been rare reports of nausea, hangover, paradoxical excitation, and blurring of vision. Rarely, acute hypersensitivity reactions, porphyria, and blood dyscrasias (thrombocytopenic purpura, aplastic anemia, leukopenia) have been reported.

DOSAGE: Individualize dosage. Not recommended for children under 12.

Night-time sedation: 0.25 to 0.5 Gm at bedtime. Repeat dose if necessary, but not less than 4 hours before arising.

Daytime sedation: 0.125 to 0.25 Gm t.i.d. after meals.

Preoperative sedation: 0.5 Gm the night before surgery; 0.5 to 1 Gm 1 hour before anesthesia.

First stage of labor: 0.5 Gm at onset of labor. Repeat if necessary.

SUPPLIED: Tablets, 0.5 Gm (white, scored); bottles of 100, 500, 1000 and Strip Dispensers of 100.

Tablets, 0.25 Gm (white, scored); bottles of 100 and 1000.

Tablets, 0.125 Gm (white); bottles of 100.

Capsules, 0.5 Gm (blue and white); bottles of 100.

Consult complete literature before prescribing.

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