	M27 - BENZTROPINE	
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INDICATIONS

- Extrapyrimal side effects (EPSE) after receiving a dopamine blocking medication ¹

WARNINGS

ABSOLUTE CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Hypersensitivity to benztropine

USE WITH CAUTION:

- Tachycardia
- Known angle-closure glaucoma

ADMINISTRATION

INTRAMUSCULAR

ACP

ADULTS / ADOLESCENTS:

- Administer 2 mg once



NOTES

- Any medication that reduces the effect of dopamine in the brain may cause the following extrapyramidal side effects:
 - Motor hyperactivity or restlessness (akathisia)
 - Muscle rigidity
 - Bradykinesia (slowed motor movement)
 - Tremor
 - Acute dystonic reactions
 - Laryngospasm
 - Oculogyric crisis
 - Torticollis / retrocollis
 - Opisthotonis
- Common precipitants include some of the medications administered by paramedics (haloperidol, metoclopramide, olanzapine) and many commonly prescribed antipsychotic medications including flupenthixol (FLUANXOL), loxapine (LOXAPAC), clozapine (CLOZARIL), quetiapine (SEROQUEL), and risperidone.

LINKS

- M04.2 - Metoclopramide
- M22 - Olanzapine
- M34 - Haloperidol

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VERSION CHANGES (refer to X08 for change tracking)

- New