Medicine Safety and You
Diphenhydramine or Benadryl®

New medicine:
Diphenhydramine

Brand names:
Benadryl®

Use:
- Eases a cough
- Eases allergy symptoms
- Decreases motion sickness
- Treats hives
- Treats itching
- Treats swelling of face, tongue, lips and throat
- Treats sleep problems
- Treats Parkinson’s disease

Potential side effects
- Lightheadedness
- Dizziness
- Sleepiness
- Blurred eyesight
- Change in thinking clearly
- Nervousness or excitability
- Constipation (hard stools)
- Dry mouth

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other than the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.

If you experience any of these side effects, tell your doctor or nurse right away.