

## **CETIRIZINE tab& syrup& E/D**

**CLASS:** Histamine H1 Antagonist; Histamine H1 Antagonist, Second Generation; Piperazine Derivative

**INDICATIONS:** Perennial and seasonal allergic rhinitis and other allergic symptoms including urticaria; chronic idiopathic urticaria

### **AVAILABLE DOSAGE FROM THE HOSPITAL:**

CETIRIZINE 10MG TAB, CETIRIZINE 10MG/ML DROPS, CETIRIZINE 5MG/5ML SYRUP

### **TRADE NAMES:**

### **DOSAGE:**

- **Dosing: Adult**

Perennial or seasonal allergic rhinitis, chronic urticaria: Oral: 5-10 mg once daily, depending upon symptom severity

- **Dosing: Geriatric**

Oral: Initial: 5 mg once daily; may increase to 10 mg/day

**Note:** Manufacturer recommends 5 mg/day in patients  $\geq 77$  years of age.

- **Dosing: Renal Impairment**

Children <6 years: Cetirizine use not recommended.

Children 6-11 years: <2.5 mg once daily

Children  $\geq 12$  and Adults:

$Cl_{cr}$  11-31 mL/minute or hemodialysis: Administer 5 mg once daily

$Cl_{cr}$  <11 mL/minute, not on dialysis: Cetirizine use not recommended.

- **Dosing: Hepatic Impairment**

Children <6 years: Cetirizine use not recommended.

Children 6-11 years: <2.5 mg once daily

Children  $\geq 12$  and Adults: Administer 5 mg once daily

### **COMMON SIDE EFFECT:**

>10%: Central nervous system: Headache (children 11% to 14%, placebo 12%), somnolence (adults 14%, children 2% to 4%)

### **PREGNANCY RISK FACTORS:** B