



# NEBRASKA CANCER SPECIALISTS

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## **Compazine®**

**Generic name:** prochlorperazine

### **Drug type:**

Compazine is an anti- nausea medication.

### **How Compazine is given:**

- Compazine is given by mouth.

### **Side effects of Compazine:**

#### **Important things to remember about the side effects of Compazine:**

- Most people do not experience all of the side effects listed.
- Side effects are almost always reversible and will go away after treatment is complete.
- There are many options to help minimize or prevent side effects.

#### **The following side effects are common for patients receiving Compazine:**

- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Drowsiness
- Blurred vision
- Low blood pressure
- Skin rash

#### **These are less common side effects for patients receiving Compazine:**

- Low white blood cell count
- Difficulty sleeping
- Tremor in hands or face

#### **When to contact your doctor or health care provider:**

Contact your health care provider ***immediately***, day or night, if you should experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 101° F or higher, chills (possible signs of infection)
- Difficulty breathing, sudden weight gain, swelling, vision changes
- Severe abdominal pain

The following symptoms require medical attention, but are not emergency situations. Contact your health care provider ***within 24 hours*** of noticing any of the following:

- Nausea (interferes with ability to eat and unrelieved with prescribed medications)
- Vomiting (vomiting more than 4-5 times in a 24-hour period)
- Diarrhea (4-6 episodes in a 24-hour period)
- Constipation unrelieved by laxative use
- Signs of infection such as redness or swelling, pain on swallowing, coughing up mucous, or painful urination
- Swelling of the feet or ankles

**Always inform your health care provider if you experience any unusual symptoms.**