

Pholcodine/suxamethonium chloride

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Generalised urticaria, palpebral oedema and anaphylaxis: case report

A woman developed generalised urticaria and palpebral oedema following treatment with pholcodine and anaphylaxis following treatment with suxamethonium chloride [*dosages and outcomes not stated*].

Two months before surgery, the woman [*age not stated*] developed generalised urticaria and palpebral oedema 2 hours after ingesting pholcodine syrup [*indication not stated*]. She then perioperatively experienced neuromuscular blocking agent anaphylaxis.

Subsequently, the woman underwent skin tests, which confirmed allergies to pholcodine and suxamethonium chloride [*route and duration of treatment to reaction onset not stated*] with cross-reactivity to vecuronium bromide and rocuronium bromide.

Author comment: "*Skin tests (prick tests and intradermal tests) confirmed pholcodine and suxamethonium allergy*".

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