

## **HALDOL (brand), HALOPERIDOL (generic)**

**ACTIONS:** Antipsychotic. Acts on CNS to depress subcortical areas, mid-brain and ascending Reticular Activating System.

**INDICATIONS:**

1. Acute psychotic disorders including manic states, drug-induced psychoses and schizophrenia.
2. Severe behavior problems in children(only after obtaining orders from Medical Control Physician)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

1. Allergy or known hypersensitivity to Haloperidol.
2. Agitation secondary to hypoxia or shock.

**PRECAUTIONS:**

1. Be prepared to ventilate the patient and support cardiovascular system.
2. Use with caution when used concomitantly with barbiturates, narcotics, and/or any other CNS depressants.
3. Use with extreme caution, or not at all, in clients with Parkinsonism.
4. Obtain physician order before administering to any patient with hypotension (BP < 90 systolic).

**ADVERSE REACTIONS/SIDE EFFECTS:**

1. May cause mental, respiratory and cardiovascular depression.
2. Hypotension
3. ECG changes (torsades de pointes) with IV use.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Ensure safety of the patient and EMS providers.
2. Prepare to manage airway and assist ventilations
3. Administer 5 mg IM/IV/IO. Contact Medical Control Physician for further orders.
4. Monitor vital signs every 5 minutes after receiving Haldol.
5. Notify medical control that Haldol has been given.

**PEDIATRIC CONSIDERATIONS:**

1. Children < 12 years old, contact Medical Control Physician for orders.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

1. Use caution when giving Haldol to elderly patients.