

DROPERIDOL (Inapsine®)

Chemical Restraint & Antiemetic

PHARMACOLOGY & ACTIONS:

- Tranquilizer, sedation, and antiemetic
- Produces mild alpha-adrenergic blockade, peripheral vascular dilatation and reduction of the pressor effect of epinephrine, resulting in hypotension and decreased peripheral vascular resistance.

INDICATIONS:

- Chemical restraint in combative patients
- Control of nausea and vomiting

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Should not be used in the presence of narcotics or barbiturates which may result in respiratory depression or apnea.
- Renal failure or hepatic disease
- Should not be administered to children under 2 years of age.
- Should not be administered to trauma patients.
- Known hypersensitivity to droperidol.
- Pregnancy

ADMINISTRATION:

- Adult dose: >80 kg (176 lbs) - 2.5 mg IV or IM
45-80 kg (99-176 lbs) - 1.25-2.5 mg IV or IM
- Contact medical control for orders & dosage in patients less than 45 kg (99 lbs) or under 18 years of age.

SIDE EFFECTS & SPECIAL NOTES:

- Hypotension, tachycardia, respiratory depression, apnea or extrapyramidal syndrome.
- Dosage should be reduced in elderly or debilitated patients.
- If hypotension occurs, it may be treated with fluid challenge.

CLASS: **Chemical Restraint - A** **Antiemetic - C**

PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: **Chemical Restraint - Psychiatric Disorders**