

# **HALOPERIDOL (HALDOL®)**

## **CLASSIFICATION:**

- Antipsychotic

## **PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS:**

- Haloperidol has pharmacologic properties similar to those of the phenothiazines
- The drug is thought to block dopamine (type 2) receptors in the brain, altering mood and behavior.

## **INDICATIONS:**

- Acute psychotic episodes
- Emergency sedation of severely agitated or delirious patients

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

- CNS Depression
- Coma
- Hypersensitivity to drug
- Pregnancy
- Severe liver or cardiac disease

## **ADMINISTRATION:**

- Adult dose: 2-5 mg IM every 4-8 hrs as needed.
- Pediatric dose: 0.5mg IM

## **SIDE EFFECTS AND SPECIAL NOTES:**

- Dose-related extrapyramidal reactions:
- Hypotension
- Orthostatic hypotension
- Nausea, vomiting
- Allergic reactions
- Blurred vision

**CLASS:**     A

## **PROTOCOL(S) USED IN:**

- Psychiatric Emergencies