

CLASS: A

PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: Nausea and Vomiting

PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS:

Haloperidol is a potent antipsychotic and antiemetic. It will potentiate the effects of other CNS depressants. Onset of action is from 10-20 minutes following administration and peak effect may not be apparent for up to 30-45 minutes.

INDICATIONS:

- A. Treatment of severe/refractory nausea and vomiting

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- A. **Pregnancy**

PRECAUTIONS:

- A. Use caution when administering haloperidol to patients who have taken other CNS depressant drugs (barbiturates, tranquilizers, alcohol)
- B. Haloperidol may induce Torsades De Pointes in at-risk. Monitor the patients ECG Q-T interval following use (and preferentially prior to administration, if possible).

SIDE EFFECTS AND NOTES:

- A. Akathisia (restlessness) and dystonic reactions may occur. These symptoms can be treated with the administration of Diphenhydramine.

ADULT DOSING:

Nausea/Vomiting: 2.5 mg IV/IM

PEDIATRIC DOSING:

N/A