

Droperidol (Inapsine®) – 20.125

CLASS: A

B: patients under 14 years old

PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: Altered Mental Status, Patient Restraint and Nausea/Vomiting

PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS:

Droperidol is a potent antipsychotic and antiemetic agent. It will potentiate the effects of other CNS depressants. Onset of action is from 3-10 minutes following administration and peak effect may not be apparent for up to 30 minutes. Duration is generally 2-4 hours.

INDICATIONS:

- A. Treatment of combative or severely agitated altered patients to facilitate safe evaluation and treatment
- B. Treatment of severe/refractory nausea and vomiting

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- A. **Pregnancy**

PRECAUTIONS:

- A. Use caution when administering droperidol to patients who have taken other CNS depressant drugs (barbiturates, tranquilizers, alcohol)
- B. Droperidol 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 unresponsive to ondansetron -

1.25 mg IV/IO.

Patient restraint -

2.5 – 10 mg IM/IV. Dosing per Behavioral Severity Index (BSI) treatment algorithm.

PEDIATRIC DOSING:

Contact OLMC for patients < 14 years old