

MEDICATION REFERENCE LIST

DROPERIDOL (INAPSINE)

1. Classification: Dopamine antagonist
2. Physiologic Effects:
 - 2.1 Powerful anti-psychotic (Dopamine receptor blocker)
 - 2.2 Anti-emetic
 - 2.3 Sedation
3. Major Indications:
 - 3.1 Agitated Schizophrenic or Psychotic episodes
 - 3.2 Chemical restraint
4. Contraindications:
 - 4.1 Parkinson's Disease
 - 4.2 Pregnancy
 - 4.3 Known ECG QTc over 500 ms
 - 4.4 DO NOT use with elderly dementia psychosis.
 - 4.5 Patients less than 18 years-old.
5. Side Effects / Precautions:
 - 5.1 May be capable of potentiating CNS depressants such as anesthetics, opiates, other sedation medications, and alcohol.
 - 5.2 May cause dystonic reaction
 - 5.3 Monitor hemodynamic status and ECG closely (Watch for QT interval prolongation, Torsades de Pointes, or Ventricular arrhythmia)
 - 5.4 Epinephrine may paradoxically decrease the blood pressure in patients treated with droperidol due to the alpha-adrenergic blocking action of droperidol.