

CLASS: A

CLASS B: Contact medical control
for administration of two or more IV sedative medications

PROTOCOL(S) USED IN: Patient Restraint Physical & Chemical

PHARMACOLOGY AND ACTIONS:

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

INDICATIONS:

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

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- A. CNS depression
- B. Coma
- C. Known hypersensitivity
- D. Pregnancy
- E. Severe liver or cardiac disease.

SIDE EFFECTS AND NOTES:

- A. Dose-related extrapyramidal reactions
- B. Hypotension
- C. Orthostatic hypotension
- D. Nausea, vomiting
- E. Allergic reactions
- F. Blurred vision

ADULT DOSING:

- A. **5 mg IM/IV** every 4-8 hours as needed

PEDIATRIC DOSING:

- A. **0.5mg IM**