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