

**CLASS: A**

**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:**

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

**PEDIATRIC DOSING:**

**0.5mg IM**