

# DROPERIDOL (*Dorm*) (C)

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<b>TYPE:</b>	Antipsychotic
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<b>PRESENTATIONS:</b>	10mg in 2ml – vial
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<b>ACTIONS:</b>	<p>Droperidol is an antipsychotic and a tranquiliser. It gives no analgesia and no amnestic effects.</p> <p>Acts on several neurotransmitters; antipsychotic actions are thought to be mediated by dopamine blockade.</p> <p>Onset of action: <b>IM</b> 3-10 min; peak action up to 30 min; duration 2-4 hours</p>
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<b>USE:</b>	<b>ICP</b> Pharmacological intervention for combative / agitated patients.	<b>AP</b>
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<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Arrhythmias, including prolonged QT interval or torsades de pointes (all patients receiving droperidol must have ECG monitoring)</li><li>2. Extrapyrimal effects (rare)</li><li>3. Neuroleptic malignant syndrome (rare)</li></ol>
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<b>CONTRA-INDICATIONS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Known hypersensitivity</li><li>2. Parkinson's disease</li></ol>
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<b>PRECAUTIONS:</b>	Patients in severe pain; analgesia should also be provided
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## DOSES:

ADULT (≥14 years of age):

<b>ICP</b>	<p>10mg via <b>IM</b> injection only (<i>no IV/IO use</i>).</p> <p>Repeat once, after 10-15 minutes, if required.</p> <p><b>Frail / elderly (&gt;65 years):</b> 5mg via <b>IM</b> injection only (<i>no IV/IO use</i>).</p> <p>Repeat once, after 10-15 minutes, if required.</p>	<b>AP</b>
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PAEDIATRIC (<14 years of age):

Not used.
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