

DROPERIDOL (*Dorm*) (C)

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TYPE:	Antipsychotic
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PRESENTATIONS:	10mg in 2ml – vial
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ACTIONS:	<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: IM 3-10 min; peak action up to 30 min; duration 2-4 hours</p>
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USE:	ICP Pharmacological intervention for combative / agitated patients. AP
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ADVERSE EFFECTS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Arrhythmias, including prolonged QT interval or torsades de pointes (all patients receiving droperidol must have ECG monitoring)2. Extrapyramidal effects (rare)3. Neuroleptic malignant syndrome (rare)4. May lower seizure threshold
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CONTRA-INDICATIONS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Known hypersensitivity2. Parkinson's disease3. Post ictal
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PRECAUTIONS:	Patients in severe pain; analgesia should also be provided
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DOSES:

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