





ADULT

HALOPERIDOL

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Presentation	Tablet: 500microg, 5mg Ampoule: 5mg/mL
Dose	<p><u>Control of Nausea and Vomiting (Palliative Care):</u></p> <p>Oral: 0.5 - 1mg BD or at night</p> <p><u>Bowel Obstruction (To minimise nausea with Octretide – Palliative Care)</u></p> <p>Continuous infusion: Concomitant haloperidol 2.5 - 5mg daily</p>
Administration	<p><u>IM injection</u> Preferred route. Inject into the gluteal muscle. Do not inject more than 3mL per injection site</p> <p><u>IV injection</u> Dilution: May be given undiluted or diluted in 5 to 10 mL of Glucose 5% or NaCl 0.9% Administration: Inject slowly over 3 to 5 minutes</p> <p><u>SUBCUT injection</u> Suitable in palliative care patients as an intermittent injection or as a continuous subcutaneous infusion.</p>
Pregnancy	<p>1st Trimester: Monitoring required 2nd Trimester: Monitoring required 3rd Trimester: Monitoring required</p>
Breastfeeding	Monitoring required
Monitoring	IV administration appears to be associated with a higher risk of QT prolongation and torsades de pointes than IM injection. Monitor respiratory rate and blood pressure after intravenous injection.

Clinical guidelines and Policies	Palliative Care
References	<p>The Royal Women's Hospital. Haloperidol. In: Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Medicines Guide [Internet]. Parkville (Victoria): The Royal Women's Hospital 2016 [cited 2017 May 22]. Available from: https://thewomenspbmg.org.au/</p> <p>Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia. Haloperidol. In: Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook [Internet]. [St Leonards, New South Wales]: Health Communication Network; 2017 [cited 2017 May 22]. Available from: http://aidh.hcn.com.au</p>

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