

DROPERIDOL

(Inapsine)

PHARMACOLOGIC CLASSIFICATION:

-butyrophenone derivative (haloperidol)

THERAPEUTIC CLASSIFICATION:

-tranquilizer

MAIN INDICATIONS:

-relief of nausea
-tranquilizer

MECHANISM OF ACTION:

-produces a marked sedation by blocking subcortical receptors
-blocks CNS receptors at the chemoreceptor trigger zone, producing an antiemetic effect

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

-hypersensitivity to the drug
-hypotension
-ETOH, opiates, sedatives

MAJOR SIDE EFFECTS:

-sedation
-altered LOC
-respiratory depression
-extrapyramidal reactions (dystonia—extended tongue, stiff, rotated neck, upward rotation of eyes)
-hypotension

INTERACTIONS:

-potentiates the effects of opiates, analgesics, and CNS depressants (ETOH, barbiturates, tranquilizers)

DOSAGE:

-2.5 to 7.5 mg IM
-1.25 to 5.0 mg slow IV