

# Droperidol

## GENERIC NAME

Droperidol

## TRADE NAME

Inapsine

## DESCRIPTION

Droperidol (Inapsine) is a potent antiemetic and antipsychotic medication used for nausea, vomiting, and chemical restraint in agitated or violent patients.

## HOW SUPPLIED

Intramuscular injection solution: 2.5 mg/1 mL

## INDICATIONS

- Nausea and vomiting
- Sedation of acutely agitated and/or violent patients (chemical restraint)

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Known hypersensitivity to Droperidol

## MECHANISM OF ACTION

Droperidol is a butyrophenone neuroleptic (antipsychotic) that acts by antagonizing dopamine receptors in the central nervous system, similar to haloperidol.

## SIDE EFFECTS

- Sinus tachycardia
- Hypotension
- Dystonic reactions
- Hallucinations

- Drowsiness
- Dizziness
- Chills
- Anxiety

## AUTHORIZATION

**EMT:** Not authorized

**EMT-I:** Not authorized

**Paramedic:** Standing order

## DOSAGE

- **Adult:**
  - **Active vomiting:** 1.25 mg IV; may repeat once after 10 minutes with Medical Control approval (max dose 2.5 mg).
  - **Agitated/Psychosis (RASS Score +2):** 5 mg IM.
  - **Violent Patient (RASS Score  $\geq$  +3):** 10 mg IM; may repeat once after 20 minutes with Medical Control approval.
- **Pediatric:** Not given

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