

HALOPERIDOL ADMINISTRATION – ORAL & INTRAMUSCULAR EQUIVALENT DOSES

The maximum recommended daily dose for each route of administration is different because parenteral doses generally have a greater bioavailability than oral doses.

Maximum doses of haloperidol in 24 hours:

**Oral 20mg
IM 12mg**

Please use the conversion chart below, if a patient has received both haloperidol IM and oral in the last 24 hours, to calculate how much the patient has received in total already and how much they can still receive.

	APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENT DOSES (mg)										
Oral Haloperidol	0.5	1	1.5	2.5	4.2	5	7.5	8.3	10	12.5	16.7
IM Haloperidol	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.5	2.5	3	4.5	5	6	7.5	10

For example:

Patient has been given 1 x 5mg haloperidol **IM**, followed 30 minutes later by 5mg **orally**, then 30 minutes later by another 5mg **orally**.

Convert to all **oral** doses, ie 8.3mg + 5mg + 5mg = 18.3mg **oral** equivalent

or

Convert to all **IM** doses, ie 5mg + 3mg + 3mg = 11mg **IM** equivalent

NOTE: Use SEPARATE LINES on the prescription sheet for each route of administration.