

HALOPERIDOL

Dear patient,

Please read the following instructions carefully. They contain important information about the use of this medicine. If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Information about HALOPERIDOL

HALOPERIDOL 2mg, 5mg, 10mg, 20mg tablets.

Haloperidol is a butyrophenone derivative with antipsychotic, neuroleptic properties. It is indicated for the management of acute and chronic psychotic disorders.

Haloperidol may also be used for other conditions as determined by your doctor.

The way to take HALOPERIDOL

Take HALOPERIDOL as directed by your doctor. Do not discontinue the treatment without consulting your doctor.

Dosage is individualized through consideration of severity of symptoms.

The dosage may vary from 1 to 20mg daily.

The usual recommended dose for adults is 0.5 to 5mg 2 or 3 times daily, initially, followed by upward adjustment as tolerated until the desired effect is achieved or limiting side effects appear. However, 30 to 40mg daily may be required in severely disturbed patients who remain inadequately controlled by lower doses.

HALOPERIDOL is available in different dosage forms to allow adequate adaptation of the posology.

In case of overdose

In case of intake of high doses of this medication, inform your doctor at once and seek emergency medical attention. General measures should be adopted.

In case of missed dose

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember unless the next intake is near. Go on taking the next scheduled dose as directed. Do not take a double dose at once.

Contraindications

This drug is contraindicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to any of the components.

It is also contraindicated in comatose states and in case of central nervous system depression due to alcohol or other depressant drugs.

Precautions

- In case of pregnancy or lactation, ask your doctor about the use of this medicine.
- This drug may impair the mental and/or physical abilities required for the performance of hazardous tasks such as operating machinery or driving a vehicle.
- This drug must be used with caution in elderly patients, in case of severe cardiovascular disorders, in case of renal or hepatic impairment, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease or hyperthyroidism.
- Do not stop taking this medicine without first checking with your doctor. He may want you to reduce gradually the amount you are taking before stopping completely.
- In case of hyperthermia, inform your doctor at once.

Association with other medications

Please inform your doctor if other medicines are being taken or have been taken recently.

Avoid the use of alcohol and other central nervous system depressants with this drug.

This drug may interact with many others such as: bromocriptine, amiodarone, chlorpromazine, lithium, levodopa and carbamazepine.

Side effects

This drug may cause tardive dyskinesia (a movement disorder), tardive dystonia, extrapyramidal symptoms and Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome (paleness, hyperpyrexia, muscle rigidity and altered mental status).

Other most reported side effects include: headache, vertigo, orthostatic hypotension, insomnia, confusion, agitation, tachycardia, allergic reactions, dry mouth, blurred vision, nausea, and constipation.

Inform your doctor if any of these effects persists or becomes bothersome.

Storage

Store at controlled room temperature (up to 30°C), protected from sunlight and humidity, beyond the reach of children.

The expiry date is printed on the pack; don't use this medicine after this date.

Pack presentation

HALOPERIDOL 2mg, pack of 30 tablets.

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