



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 dose in 24 hours:
If only oral form prescribed: 20mg
If only IM form prescribed: 12mg
If oral & IM forms prescribed in combination, refer to table below for total daily dose

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 had received in total:

	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, i.e. 8.3mg + 5mg + 5mg = 18.3mg **oral** equivalent

Or

Convert to all **IM** doses, i.e. 5mg + 3mg + 3mg = 11mg **IM** equivalent

NOTE: Each route of administration should be prescribed as a separate entry on the prescription chart