Haloperidol Intravenous Injection for Adults

Who can administer

Administration RESTRICTED - see Appendix 1Â

Important information

- There are numerous important interactions (eg QTc, Parkinson's) - check BNF

Available preparations

Serenace 5mg per 1ml ampouleÂ

Reconstitution

Already in solution
Draw up using a 5 micron filter needle

Infusion fluids

Not required - product ready for use

Methods of intravenous administration

Slow intravenous injection (ref 1)

- Administer over 3 to 5 minutes
- Maximum rate of 5mg/min in an emergency
- Can dilute with sodium chloride 0.9% or glucose 5% to produce a suitable volume to aid slow administration

Dose in adults

Delirium Management in Critical Care (ref 2)

- **Usual dose:** 2.5mg every 6 hours, adjusted according to responseÂ
- **Maximum dose:** 20mg in 24 hours
- **Older patients:** maximum of 5mg in 24 hours

Monitoring

- Monitor blood pressure, heart rate, ECG [ref 1]
- Monitor infusion site frequently - extravasation may cause local tissue damageÂ [ref 1]

Storage

Store below 25^{0}C

References

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1. Injectable Medicines administration guide, downloaded from Medusa 10/02/2025

2. UHG Critical Care Department Delirium Management algorithm V2.0 2024Â

Therapeutic classification

Antipsychotic