



## Haloperidol Oral Tablets

**The issue:** haloperidol 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg, 5 mg and 10 mg oral tablets are on backorder from the only manufacturer in Canada (Teva). NH has a good supply of haloperidol 1 mg tablets, but stock levels of all other strengths may not meet future demands. Inventory of some strengths might be depleted prior to the resolution of this backorder.

**Clinical Use:** first generation antipsychotic typically used for agitation/aggression and for nausea/vomiting

**Estimated Resolution:** November 2022 for the 1mg tablets; March 2023 for all other strengths

**Practice Implications:**

- Clinicians should be aware of this drug shortage and potential formulary alternatives.

**Potential Formulary Alternatives\*:**

- *Agitation/aggression:*
  - haloperidol injectable
  - loxapine oral tablets and injectable
  - lorazepam sublingual tablets and injectable (injectable also on shortage)
  - quetiapine oral tablets
  - olanzapine oral tablets and injectable (injectable also on shortage)
- *Nausea/Vomiting:*
  - dimenhydrinate oral tablets and injectable
  - metoclopramide oral tablets and injectable
  - ondansetron oral tablets and injectable

<b>October 28, 2022</b> For the information of physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. <b>PLEASE POST</b>	<b>Drug Shortage</b>	✓	<b>For further information contact:</b> Medication Use Management Pharmacists <a href="mailto:mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca">mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca</a>
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	Medication Change		
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\*Alternatives are provided for clinician information and may not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinical judgment.