



# MEDICATION REFERENCE CARD

## DRUG CATEGORY: ANTIPSYCHOTICS

### Drug Brand Name (Generic):

Haldol (Haloperidol)

Thorazine (Chlorpromazine)

Clozaril (Clozapine)

Risperdal (Risperidone)

Seroquel (Quetiapine)

Abilify (Aripiprazole)

Zyprexa (Olanzapine)

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#### SITUATION

Symptoms associated with antipsychotics:

- Blurred vision
- Dry mouth
- Weight gain
- Constipation
- Drowsiness or sedation
- Involuntary movements
- Muscle spasms or tremors (can be severe)

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#### BACKGROUND

- Indications (not limited to): Schizophrenia and bipolar disorder to control psychotic symptoms such as hallucinations, delusions, or mania.
- Other diagnoses, co-morbidities, other medications, recent medication changes, recent pertinent labs.
- Significant drug interactions: anticonvulsants, Parkinson's drugs, antihistamines, antidepressants, barbiturates, sleeping and pain medications, and narcotics.

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#### ASSESSMENT/APPEARANCE

- Change in vital signs (e.g., decreased or increased blood pressure, increased pulse)
- Skin color changes
- Change in behavior or mental status

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS/REQUESTS

Contact the resident's physician or practitioner to ask:

- Do the changes reported indicate adverse effects of the medication?
- Is there an appropriate indication for use?
- Is use of the medication only for the duration needed, and at the lowest effective dose?
- Is there effectiveness in achieving the therapy goal?