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# Haloperidol (By mouth)

**hal-oh-PER-i-dol**Treats mental and emotional disorders, behavior problems, and [Tourette syndrome](#).

## Drug classes

Antipsychotic ([About this - PubMed Health](#))

## Uses

### Uses of This Medicine

[Haloperidol](#) is used to treat nervous, emotional, and mental conditions (eg, [schizophrenia](#)). It is also used to control the symptoms of Tourette's disorder. This medicine should not be used to treat behavior problems in older adult patients who have [dementia](#).

[Haloperidol](#) is also used to treat severe behavioral problems (eg, aggressive, impulsive behavior) or hyperactivity in children who have already been treated with [psychotherapy](#) or other medicines that did not work well.

This medicine is available only with your doctor's prescription.

[Other uses](#) (PubMed Health)

## How To Use

### Tablet

Take your medicine as directed. Your dose may need to be changed several times to find what works best for you.

**Missed dose:** Take a dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then and take a regular dose. Do not take extra medicine to make up for a missed dose.

Store the medicine in a closed container at room temperature, away from heat, moisture, and direct light.

### Drugs and Foods to Avoid

Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicine, including over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and herbal products.Some medicines can affect how [haloperidol](#) works. Tell your doctor if you are using any of the following:

- [Lithium](#), [rifampin](#)
- [Blood pressure](#) medicine
- [Blood](#) thinner (including phenindione, [warfarin](#))
- Medicine to treat [heart](#) rhythm problems
- Medicine to treat [Parkinson's](#) disease
- Medicine to treat [seizures](#)

Tell your doctor if you use anything else that makes you sleepy. Some examples are allergy medicine, narcotic pain medicine, and alcohol.

Do not drink alcohol while you are using this medicine.

### When Not To Use

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This medicine is not right for everyone. Do not use it if you had an allergic reaction to [haloperidol](#).

## Warnings

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you have [kidney disease](#), [liver](#) disease, [brain](#) disease, [heart](#) or [blood vessel](#) disease, heart rhythm problems, lung or breathing problems, mental health problems, [Parkinson disease](#), [thyroid](#) problems, or history of [breast cancer](#) or [seizures](#).

This medicine may cause the following problems:

- [Heart](#) rhythm problems (including QT prolongation)
- Tardive [dyskinesia](#) ([movement disorder](#))
- Neuroleptic [malignant](#) syndrome
- Lung or breathing problems

This medicine may make you dizzy or drowsy, or may cause trouble with controlling body movements, which may lead to [falls](#), fractures or other injuries. Do not drive or do anything else that could be dangerous until you know how this medicine affects you.

You might get overheated more easily while using this medicine. Be aware of this if you are exercising or the weather is hot. [Drinking water](#) might help. If you get too hot and feel dizzy, weak, tired, confused, or sick to your [stomach](#), you need to cool down.

This medicine may make you bleed, bruise, or get infections more easily. Take precautions to prevent illness and injury. Wash your [hands](#) often.

Do not stop using this medicine suddenly. Your doctor will need to slowly decrease your dose before you stop it completely.

Your doctor will check your progress and the effects of this medicine at regular visits. Keep all appointments.

Keep all medicine out of the reach of children. Never share your medicine with anyone.

## Possible side effects

### Summary

[More details](#)

### Call your doctor right away if you notice any of these side effects:

Allergic reaction: [itching](#) or [hives](#), swelling in your face or [hands](#), swelling or tingling in your [mouth](#) or [throat](#), [chest](#) tightness, trouble breathing

Fast, slow, or pounding heartbeat

[Fever](#), chills, [cough](#), [sore throat](#), body aches

Jerky [muscle](#) movement you cannot control (often in your face, [tongue](#), or jaw)

Lightheadedness, [dizziness](#), [fainting](#)

[Seizures](#) or [tremors](#)

Sweating, confusion, uneven heartbeat, [muscle](#) stiffness

Twitching or [muscle](#) movements you cannot control, problems with [balance](#) or walking

Unusual [bleeding](#), bruising, or weakness

If you notice other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine, tell your doctor.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

[More side effects of this drug](#)

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Alti-Haloperidol, Apo-Haloperidol, Haldol, Novo-Peridol, Peridol, Pms-Haloperidol, Ratio-Haloperidol

There may be other brand names for this medicine.

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