

USUAL DOSAGE RANGE FOR NEUROLEPTICS

These are usual and customary dosage ranges endorsed by Vermont State Hospital. These may be exceeded when clinically indicated by process.

A) Oral Medication:	Up to:
- Aripiprazole (Abilify)	30 mg/day
- Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)	1000 mg/day
- Clozapine (Clozaril)	900 mg/day
- Fluphenazine (Prolixin)	40 mg/day
* Haloperidol (Haldol)	25 mg/day
- Loxapine (Loxitane)	250 mg/day
- Molindone (Moban)	225 mg/day
* Olanzapine (Zyprexa)	30 mg/day
- Perphenazine (Trilafon)	64 mg/day
- Quetiapine (Seroguel)	800 mg/day
- Risperidone (Risperdal)	16 mg/day
- Thiiothizene (Navane)	60 mg/day
- Thioridazine (Mellaril)	800 mg/day
- Trifluoperazine (Stelazine)	40 mg/day
- Ziprasidone (Geodon)	160 mg/day

B) Parenteral Depot Preparations	Up to:
* Fluphenazine Decanoate	50 25 mg I.M. q two weeks
* Haloperidol Decanoate	300 mg I.M. q month
- Risperidone (Risperdal Consta)	50 mg I.M. q.2 weeks

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C) Combinations: For patients on both oral and depot preparations, the combined dose is taken into account.

D) Process for exceeding usual dosage range: If a physician wishes to prescribe a dose in excess of the usual dosage range, he/she documents the clinical considerations underlying the decision in a note, indicating the proposed dose. He/she contacts another member of the VSH physician staff for a second opinion. If the second doctor agrees, he/she also writes a note in the patient's chart.

A usual dosage range to be exceeded form is filled out by both physicians and a copy is sent to the Pharmacy. (?? Direction and how many other copies ??)
The Pharmacist will then fill the order.

References:

- * = Suggested range by Med Staff - approved 7/20/05 by Med Staff
- = Drug Facts and Comparisons, Package Insert