



## Prescribing Snapshot

....Did you know?

### **Haloperidol 500microgram tablets are an EXTREMELY HIGH COST ITEM**

Haloperidol 500microgram tablets currently cost **£368 per 28 tablets** (£13.14 per tablet)\*.

This is significantly more expensive than other haloperidol strengths and formulations.

In the last 6 months\*\* NHS Grampian has spent **over £90k** on haloperidol 500microgram tablets. If this had been prescribed as haloperidol 200microgram/ml oral solution (costing approx. £15k) NHS Grampian could have **saved £75k/6months**.

#### **ACTIONS**

**SHARE** – Ensure all prescribers are aware of this information

**STOP** – prescribing haloperidol 500microgram tablets for new patients.

Consider alternative formulations to provide appropriate clinical dose.

**REVIEW** – Current patients prescribed haloperidol 500microgram tablets.

Review ongoing need, and if still clinically indicated switch to the most cost-effective formulation/strength. Ensure patients/carers are made aware of any changes in formulation/strength or prescribed preparations.

If a patient requiring low dose haloperidol was prescribed haloperidol 200micrograms/ml oral solution rather than haloperidol 500microgram tablets this would generate a saving of £10.89 per 500microgram dose.

**ONE haloperidol 500microgram tablet = 2.5mls haloperidol 200microgram/ml oral solution**

**Saving £10.89 per dose**

Alternative formulations of haloperidol which would represent cost effective prescribing options include:

<b>Formulation</b>	<b>Pack size</b>	<b>Cost</b>
200microgram/ml oral solution	100ml	£89.90
5mg/5ml oral solution	100ml	£12.00
10mg/5ml oral solution	100ml	£7.59
1.5mg tablets	28	£14.25
5mg tablets	28	£9.32

Formulation and strength suitability will be dependent on the clinical dose required.

**Practices with current patients have been provided with CHI information to facilitate review and switch as appropriate.** A scriptswitch message has been deployed to support cost effective product selection.

**Do you have an idea for a Prescribing Snapshot – contact**  
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