



Advisory 15-12: Ondansetron for Pediatric Nausea/Vomiting

To: All ALS Providers and Agencies

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An oversight in our existing protocols was recently identified and at the September 21, 2015 meeting of the REMAC, the addition of Ondansetron (Zofran) for pediatric patients greater than the age of 2 years was added to the Nausea/Vomiting protocol. The updated protocol is attached and effective immediately.

With any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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2.20 NAUSEA / VOMITING

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Patient with uncontrolled nausea/vomiting and no evidence of head injury:

1. Attempt to treat cause of the nausea.

EMT STOP

2. If nausea unrelieved by other interventions:

Ondansetron (Zofran) 4 mg IV/IO/IM.

 Ondansetron (Zofran) 2 mg IV/IO/IM if age >2 years

OR

Promethazine (Phenergan) 6.25-12.5 mg IV/IO diluted in 50-100 mL NS and given over 10 minutes.

NOTE

Do not give Promethazine if age >65, and use with caution in older adults and with other potentially sedating medications (e.g. morphine).

3. If dystonic reaction after Promethazine administration (torticollis/stiff neck, back spasm, agitation) occurs, give: Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) 25 mg IM/IV (May repeat once).