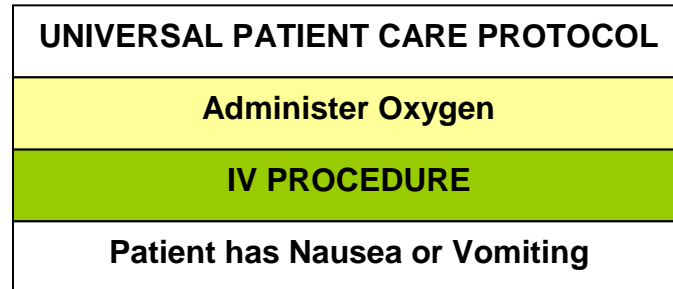




Section 5: Adult Medical Emergencies Protocol

ADULT MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: ANTI-EMETIC PROTOCOL

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ONDANSETRON (ZOFRAN)
4 mg IM / IVP over 2 - 4 minutes
May Repeat X1 if Needed in 15 minutes

OR

ONDANSETRON (ZOFRAN)
Oral Dissolving Tabs
8 mg Oral

TRANSPORT to appropriate facility
CONTACT receiving facility
CONSULT Medical Direction where indicated



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ADULT MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: ANTI-EMETIC PROTOCOL-Cont.

PEARLS and KEY POINTS

HISTORY	SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nausea• Vomiting• Medication(s) administration such as narcotic analgesics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaints of nausea and / or vomiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider AMI / 12 lead EKG• Gastroenteritis• Toxic ingestion / food poisoning• Bowel obstruction• Appendicitis• Gastritis• Cholecystitis (gallbladder)• Hepatitis / cirrhosis• Headaches / migraine• Pregnancy• Hypertensive crisis• Electrolyte imbalances• DKA• Intracranial pressure• Sepsis / infections

- Position patient to protect airway as appropriate. (Recovery position, sitting up, etc.)
 - Immediately position entire patient or their head to side if patient begins vomiting then retrieve suction.
 - Patients with altered LOC and nausea / vomiting need to have airway maintenance prioritized before medication.
 - Prepare and test suction prior to its need.
 - Give Ondansetron (Zofran) over at least 2 minutes, slow IVP. Follow up with second dose in 15 minutes if symptoms unresolved.
 - Treat patients early, no need to wait for patient to begin vomiting to administer Ondansetron (Zofran).
- Patients receiving medications such as narcotic analgesics may require concurrent administration of Ondansetron (Zofran) to reduce nausea associated with such medications.