

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

M-3 - Severe Nausea and Vomiting

For patient complaint of severe nausea and vomiting initiate the following:

- Treat any cause of the nausea and/or vomiting, (e.g. myocardial infarction, diabetes) per the appropriate treatment protocol.
- Consider IV of Normal Saline (NS);
For hypotension consider a fluid bolus of 500 ml of NS, consider a second bolus if hypotension persists.
- For patients 4 years and older consider;
Ondansetron 4 mg PO or Oral Dissolving Tablet (ODT), IM, or IV administered over 1 minute. (May repeat dose once after 10 minutes.)

Treatment Considerations:

- Maintain ABCs;
- Consider administration of oxygen;
- Evaluate patient for signs of dehydration, document findings;

- **Contraindications:**
--Known sensitivity to Ondansetron or other 5-HT3 antagonists.
- **Side Effects:**
--May cause hypotension and/or tachycardia;
--May cause syncope with rapid administration.
- **Treatment Considerations:**
--May be used in breast feeding mothers;
--May be co-administered with Morphine Sulfate when administered for pain;
--Moisture may cause the ODT medication to dissolve, care should be taken when administering the medication.

Disrupted Communications

In the event of a “disrupted communications” situation, the paramedic in Solano County may utilize all portions of this treatment protocol needed to stabilize an immediate patient without Base Hospital Contact.