



Class 3 IFT-Paramedic Treatment Protocol 3605

Nausea / Vomiting Protocol

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A. Perform **Class 3 IFTA Protocol 9201**.

B. Treatment

1. Assess patient for signs, symptoms, or complaint of nausea or vomiting.
2. Evaluate for medication allergies and any condition such as hypotension, drowsiness, altered mental status, or bradypnea. If any are present, **contact MCP** prior to administration of any antiemetic agents.
3. Ensure the IV is patent and infusing without difficulty and there are no signs of infiltration or inflammation.
4. Document vital signs, presenting symptoms, and / or complaints prior to the administration of an antiemetic agent.
5. Administer one of the appropriate antiemetic medications as ordered below.
6. Document outcome and effectiveness of medication administered.
7. If no improvement **contact Medical Command**.

C. Medications: **Administer the antiemetic medication ordered by the sending physician. Otherwise, unless contraindicated, consider ondansetron (*Zofran*) as the initial antiemetic agent.**

1. **Ondansetron (*Zofran*):** 4 mg slow IV, over 2 to 5 minutes. Dose may be repeated once in 4 to 6 hours as needed. Further orders or additional doses per MCP only.
2. **Promethazine (*Phenergan*):** 12.5 mg IV, diluted with minimum of 5 ml of normal saline, administered slow IV over 1 to 2 minutes. For persons older than 65, the initial dose is 6.25 mg IV. Dose may be repeated once in 4 to 6 hours as needed. Further orders or additional doses per MCP only.
3. **Prochlorperazine (*Compazine*):** 5 – 10 mg slow IV, over 2 minutes. Dose may be repeated once in 4 to 6 hours as needed. Further orders or additional doses per MCP only.