

## ONDANSETRON (ZOFRAN®)

<b>THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS</b>	Reduces nausea and vomiting. Ondansetron is a selective 5-HT <sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist. The mechanism of action has not been fully characterized.
<b>INDICATIONS</b>	Nausea and vomiting
<b>CONTRAINDICATIONS</b>	Hypersensitivity to ondansetron
<b>PRECAUTIONS/SIDE EFFECTS</b>	<p>Rare cases of the following have been reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Angina</li> <li>✓ Constipation</li> <li>✓ Rash</li> <li>✓ Extrapyramidal reactions</li> </ul> <p>Oral administration should not be substituted for IV hydration when the patient's history, symptoms, and clinical findings indicate the need for IV fluids.</p>
<b>ADULT DOSAGE/ROUTE</b>	Administer 4 mg IV/IM undiluted. May repeat once after 15 minutes.* The rate of IV administration should <b>NOT</b> be less than 30 seconds and preferably over 2-5 minutes. Available in 2 ml single dose vials at a concentration of 2 mg/ml.
<b>PEDIATRIC DOSAGE/ROUTE</b>	Administer 4 mg undiluted IV/IM, for children <b>weighing &gt; 40 kg</b> . May repeat once after 15 minutes. 0.1 mg/kg IV for pediatric patients <b>weighing &lt; 40 kg</b> . The rate of IV administration should not be less than 30 seconds and preferably over 2-5 minutes.

\*May be given orally with an oral dissolving tablet (ODT) placed under the tongue at a dose of 4-8 mg for adults and children >40 lbs at a dose of 4 mg.