

ONDANSETRON (Zofran) (B1)

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TYPE:	Potent anti-nauseant and antiemetic [S4]
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PRESENTATIONS:	4mg in 2ml – plastic or glass ampoule 4mg – wafers
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ACTIONS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Potent, highly specific and selective serotonin 5-HT receptor antagonist.2. Precise mode of action in control of nausea and vomiting is not known. Likely to have actions peripherally and in the central nervous system.3. Maximum effect is approximately 10 minutes following IV administration.4. Hepatic metabolism.
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USE:	ICP For the prevention or treatment of nausea and vomiting	AP
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ADVERSE EFFECTS:	Uncommon: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Headache2. Flushing of skin3. Occasional reaction at the site of IV injection4. Drowsiness5. Anxiety and agitation6. Transient visual disturbances
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CONTRA-INDICATION:	Known hypersensitivity
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PRECAUTION:	Not recommended in pregnancy
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DOSE:

ADULT:	
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ICP	4mg IV – slowly over 2 minutes. May be administered IM if necessary. Repeat once if required, after approximately 10 minutes. Wafers: 4mg sublingually	AP
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PAEDIATRIC:	
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ICP	0.1mg/kg (to a maximum of 4mg) – slowly over 2 minutes. May be administered IM if necessary. Repeat once if required, after approximately 10 minutes.	AP
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