

# ONDANSETRON (Zofran) (B1)

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<b>TYPE:</b>	Potent anti-nauseant and antiemetic [S4]
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<b>PRESENTATIONS:</b>	4mg in 2ml – plastic or glass ampoule 4mg – wafers
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<b>ACTIONS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Potent, highly specific and selective serotonin 5-HT receptor antagonist.</li><li>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.</li><li>3. Maximum effect is approximately 10 minutes following IV administration.</li><li>4. Hepatic metabolism.</li></ol>
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<b>USE:</b>	<b>ICP</b> For the prevention or treatment of nausea and vomiting	<b>AP</b>
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<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS:</b>	Uncommon: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Headache</li><li>2. Flushing of skin</li><li>3. Occasional reaction at the site of IV injection</li><li>4. Drowsiness</li><li>5. Anxiety and agitation</li><li>6. Transient visual disturbances</li></ol>
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<b>CONTRA-INDICATION:</b>	Known hypersensitivity
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<b>PRECAUTION:</b>	Not recommended in pregnancy
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## DOSE:

<b>ADULT:</b>		
<b>ICP</b>	4mg IV – slowly over 2 minutes. May be administered IM if necessary. Repeat once if required, after approximately 10 minutes. Wafers: 4mg sublingually	<b>AP</b>
<b>PAEDIATRIC:</b>		
<b>ICP</b>	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.	<b>AP</b>