



Nausea/Vomiting

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- Nausea and vomiting can be symptoms of a multitude of different causes. If possible, the specific underlying cause should be determined and treated. EMS personnel should realize that the use of an antiemetic may relieve symptoms while leaving the cause untreated, and possibly, more difficult to detect. EMS personnel should weigh the benefits of antiemetic use against the possible risk of making an accurate diagnosis more difficult, and the possible side effects of the antiemetic agent.
- Treatment of nausea and vomiting is warranted for pts where it may contribute to a worsening of their medical condition, or where the pt's airway may be endangered.
- Providers may consider giving Zofran (Ondansetron) prophylactically, prior to or immediately after opioid administration, for a pt. with a history of nausea/vomiting secondary to opioid administration. Zofran (Ondansetron) may also be administered prior to transport to a pt. with a history of motion sickness.

