



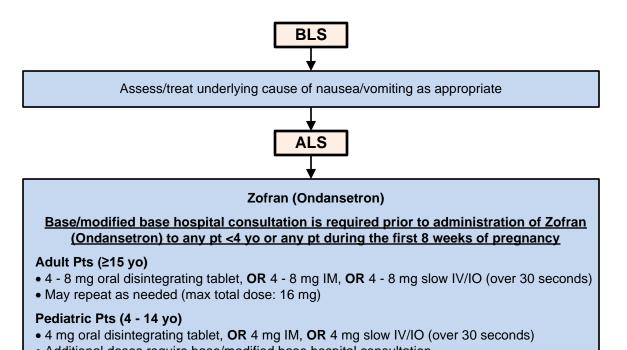
## **General Medical Treatment**

## Nausea/Vomiting

 Nausea/vomiting can be symptoms of a multitude of different causes. If possible, the specific underlying cause should be determined and treated. 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

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- of making an accurate diagnosis more difficult, and the possible side effects of the antiemetic agent.
- Treatment of nausea/vomiting is indicated for pts where it may contribute to a worsening of their medical condition, or where the pt's airway may be endangered.
- EMS personnel may consider administering 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.



Additional doses require base/modified base hospital consultation