NORTH COAST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Subject:

Scope of Practice/Procedure - ALS

Zofran (Ondansetron)

Associated Policies: 6511

- I. Class:
 - A. Antiemetic
- II. Indications

Anti-Emetic used to control nausea and/or vomiting.

III. Therapeutic Effects

A serotonin 5-HT3 receptor antagonist that acts as an antiemetic by reducing the activity of the vagus nerve.

- IV. Contraindications
 - A. Absolute: Known sensitivity to Ondansetron (Zofran) or other 5-HT3 antagonists including.
 - 1. Graniseton (Kytril)
 - 2. Dolasetron (Anzemet)
 - 3. Palonosetron (Aloxi)
 - B. Relative: Pregnancy
- V. Adverse Effects
 - A. Hypotension
 - B. Tachycardia
- VI. Administration and Dosage
 - A. Adult: A. 4mg IM or PO (dissolvable tablet). Can repeat oral dose in 15 minutes if vomiting persists.
 - B. IV dose range 4mg slow IV over at least 30 seconds. Can repeat in 15 minutes. OR

8 mg slow IV over at least 1 minute. Cannot be repeated for 4 hours.

- B. Pediatrics: Greater than 4 years of age. 4mg IV slowly over 2 to 5 minutes/IM/IO. May repeat once in 30 minutes. 4mg PO orally dissolvable tablets, may repeat once in 15 minutes.
- C. Contact base hospital physician for repeat dosages.

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