

THE OTTAWA HOSPITAL

MEDICAL DIRECTIVES

TITLE: Anti-emetic Protocol NUMBER: _____

PROGRAM: Surgery Portfolio PAGE: 1 of _____

Critical Care Obs/Gyn Medicine Surgery

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Anesthesia and Surgery

UNIT(S): Corporate PACU's and SDCU's

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CATEGORY: Prescription Procedure Consults
 Diagnostic Test Communicating Diagnosis

INITIATED BY: Clinical Nurses

MEDICAL DIRECTIVES:

- 1) First-Line Rx: Dexamethasone 8mg iv + Prochlorperazine 5 mg iv
If ineffective after 5 min. institute second-line Rx;
- 2) Second-Line Rx: Repeat Prochlorperazine 5 mg iv. If ineffective after 5 min, institute third-line Rx;
- 3) Third-Line Rx : Ondansetron 2 mg iv, repeat x1 prn after 10 min

If the above is ineffective contact the ordering physician

PATIENT CONDITION: For the treatment of post-operative nausea and/or vomiting

INCLUSION CRITERIA: When the anesthesiologist orders follow the anti-emetic protocol on the order section of the Anesthesia and PACU record, for the Nurses in PACU, or when the Surgeon orders follow the antiemetic protocol on the surgery orders for SDCU.

Prior to the administration of the above medications, the PACU nurse should review the anesthetic record to determine what, if any anti-emetics were administered in the OR. Where the above drugs have already been given, the nurse should automatically default to the next line of treatment.

Likewise, the SDCU nurse will review the PACU medication record and if the above drugs have already been given default to the next line of treatment

EXCLUSION CRITERIA AND CONTRAINDICATIONS: Allergies to one or more of the medications ordered in the protocol.

DOCUMENTING THE ORDER: The staff who initiates the order, writes and signs the order on the physician's order sheet, e.g. ASA 325 mg po., J. Doe, RN.

UNTOWARD EVENT: Any untoward event is to be reported to the ordering physician or physician covering.

COMMUNICATION: The above medical directive will be communicated to the Clinical Nurses in the PACU and SDCU by the Clinical Educators at the Riverside, General and Civic Campuses of the Ottawa Hospital.

The Chiefs of Surgery and Anesthesia will communicate the above protocol and how to order it to the appropriate physician groups.