

VOMITING

BLS ACTION/TREATMENT:

- Stabilize:
 1. ABCs.
- Assessment:
 1. Vital signs (BP, pulse rate, respiratory rate).
- History:
 1. Document time of onset of symptoms
 2. Document if patient has vomited blood
 3. Document any known medical problems or conditions
 4. Document if patient used any of their own medications immediately prior to or during BLS arrival.

ALS ACTION/TREATMENT:

- IV access and fluid bolus as appropriate.
- For nausea or vomiting:
 1. Maintain airway, suction as necessary.
 2. Ondansetron (Zofran™):

Adult/Adolescent:	ODT 8 mg (two 4 mg tablets) to dissolve orally as tolerated.
Child:	ODT 4 mg (one 4 mg tablet) to dissolve orally as tolerated.

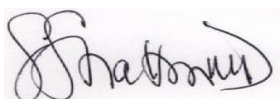
Notes:

1. Vomiting is a symptom or sign of illness or disease. Assess patient for potential serious illness or injury.
2. Repeated vomiting alone can result in hypovolemic shock. If dehydration suspected, establish intravenous access and administer normal saline.

Boxed text indicates BH order

Unboxed text indicates standing order

Approved:



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