

Ondansetron (on DAN se tron)

Other name: Zofran®

Used for: Controlling nausea.

Your child may experience the following common side effects:

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Drowsiness
- Diarrhea (more common when taken by mouth)
- Constipation
- Weakness or twitching
- Dry Mouth

Your Child may experience the following rare side effect:

- Faster heartbeat (IV)

Special instructions:

- This drug can be administered in many different ways (IV or orally [liquid, tablet, disintegrating tablet, or dissolvable film]) ask your health care provider or pharmacist for the best way to administer each
- Dose should be administered 30 minutes before starting chemotherapy or 60 minutes prior to radiation to help prevent nausea

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General Statements:

- If your child has a life-threatening allergy, he/she should wear allergy identification at all times.
- Keep all medicine out of the reach of children and pets.
- Many medications interact with other medications. Keep a list of all your child's medicines (prescription, herbal medicines, natural products, supplements, vitamins, over-the-counter) with you. Give this list to your child's healthcare provider (doctor, nurse, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, physician assistant).
- Talk with your child's healthcare provider before giving him/her any new medicine, including over-the-counter, herbal medicines, natural products, or vitamins.
- An oral dose of medication should be repeated only if a patient vomits within 30 minutes of taking the drug. If your child vomits more than once during the 30 minutes after taking the medication, call your child's healthcare provider.

Contact Us

For patient care assistance, please call the following phone numbers:

- Jimmy Fund Clinic (617) 632-3270
Business Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Page Operator (617) 632-3352
Off hours: weekdays after 5 p.m., holidays, and weekends
Page pediatric hematology/oncology fellow on call
- Life Threatening Emergencies dial 911