

Ondansetron (on-DANSE-a-tron)

Also Known As: Zofran[®]

This drug is an antiemetic drug. It is given to prevent nausea and vomiting.

How It Is Given:

- Intravenously (by vein)
- Orally (by mouth)

Early Side Effects Can Include:

- Headache. It usually relieved by Tylenol[®] (acetaminophen).
- Dizziness.
- Blurred vision.
- Weakness or fatigue.
- Drowsiness.
- Constipation.
- Diarrhea (rare).
- Mild sleepiness (rare).

Late Side Effects:

- Chest pain.
- Irregular heart rates (arrhythmias).
- Minor skin rashes.
- Low level of potassium in the blood (hypokalemia).
- Elevation of liver enzymes.

Special Point:

- Take the medicine as prescribed.
- Do not change positions quickly. Be careful when getting up or changing positions.
- Do not perform activities requiring alertness. Do not drive or operate heavy machinery.

Call Your Doctor or Nurse If You Have:

- So much nausea or vomiting that you cannot keep down anything you eat or drink.
- Persistent headache.
- Excessive drowsiness.
- Fever.
- Chest pain.
- Shortness of breath.
- Any unexpected or unexplained problems.
- Any questions or concerns.

The information on this card is selective and does not cover all possible side effects; others may occur. Please report any problems to your doctor.



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