

ANALGESIC MEDICATIONS (REFERENCE)

ONDANSETRON

Used by Combat Medics

Antiemetic (5-HT3 antagonist)

Prevention and management of nausea and vomiting associated with pain management medications.

DOSAGE(S):

4 mg q 8 hrs, repeat after 15 min for persistent symptoms, no more than 8 mg/8 hr time block

ROUTE(S):

IV, IO, Translingual, IM

CONTRA-INDICATIONS: Hypersensitivity to ondansetron, use cautiously in patients with hepatic failure, considered relatively safe in pregnancy, if clinically indicated

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Dizziness, lightheadedness, headache, sedation, diarrhea, constipation, dry mouth

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Rifampin may decrease ondansetron levels

ONSET/PEAK/DURATION: 20 sec-4 min (IV<IO<translingual<IM)/10-40 min/4 hr

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Do not use PO (pill form) – use translingual with the oral dissolving tablet (oral ondansetron is NOT an acceptable alternative to the ODT formulation); do not handle ODT preparation with wet hands; IV and IO should be given by slow push.

