

# ANTIEMETICS

Generic & Class	Brand & Company	Form(s)	Strength(s)		Usual Dose*
<b>ANTICHOLINERGICS</b>					
Scopolamine	<b>Transderm SCOP</b> Novartis Cons.	transdermal patch	1.5mg (delivers 1mg per 72hrs)	R	<b>Motion sickness:</b> 1 patch 4hrs before departure, remove after 72hrs. <b>Post-op:</b> 1 patch evening before surgery. <b>C-section:</b> 1 patch 1hr before surgery. Remove 24 hrs after surgery.
<b>ANTIHISTAMINES</b>					
Meclizine	<b>Antivert</b> Pfizer	tabs	12.5mg, 25mg, 50mg	R	<b>Motion sickness:</b> 25-50mg 1hr before departure, then once daily. <b>Vertigo:</b> 25-100mg/day in divided doses.
	<b>Zentrip</b> Sato	orally-disintegrating thin strips	25mg	OTC	Dissolve on tongue. 1 or 2 strips once daily, start 1 hour prior to travel.
Diphenhydramine	<b>Benadryl</b> Pfizer	IV or IM inj	50mg/mL	R	<b>Adults:</b> 10-50mg IV or deep IM; max 400mg. <b>Children:</b> 5mg/kg/day in 4 divided doses; max 300mg/day.
<b>CANNABINOIDS</b>					
Dronabinol	<b>Marinol</b> Unimed	caps	2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg	CIII	Initially 5mg/m <sup>2</sup> 1-3hrs before chemo, then every 2-4hrs; max 4-6 doses and 15mg/m <sup>2</sup> /day.
Nabilone	<b>Cesamet</b> Valeant	caps	1mg	CII	1-2mg twice daily; max 6mg/day in 3 divided doses. Start 1-3 hrs before chemo.
<b>5-HT<sub>3</sub> RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS</b>					
Dolasetron	<b>Anzemet</b> Sanofi-Aventis	tabs	50mg, 100mg	R	<b>Adults:</b> 100mg within 1hr before chemo or within 2hrs before surgery. <b>Children:</b> <2yrs: not recommended. 2-16 yrs: 1.8mg/kg within 1hr before chemotherapy; or, 1.2mg/kg within 2hrs before surgery. Max 100mg/dose.
		IV inj	20mg/mL	R	<b>Adults:</b> ≥16yrs: 1.8mg/kg about 30mins before chemo; or, may give 100mg IV. <b>Prevention:</b> 12.5mg about 15mins before stopping anesthesia. <b>Treatment:</b> 12.5mg as needed. <b>Children:</b> <2 yrs: not recommended. 2-16 yrs: <b>Chemotherapy-induced:</b> 1.8mg/kg IV (max 100mg) about 30mins before chemotherapy; or, 1.8mg/kg (max 100mg) diluted in juice and taken orally within 1hr before chemotherapy. <b>Prevention:</b> 0.35mg/kg IV (max 12.5mg) about 15mins before stopping anesthesia; or, 1.2mg/kg (max 100mg) diluted in apple or apple-grape juice and taken orally within 2hrs before surgery. <b>Treatment:</b> 0.35mg/kg IV as soon as needed.
Granisetron	<b>Kytril</b> Roche	tabs	1mg	R	2mg up to 1hr before chemo; or 1mg up to 1hr before, then 1mg 12hrs after 1st dose. <b>Radiation:</b> 2mg within 1hr.
		IV inj	1mg/mL	R	≥2yrs: 10micrograms/kg within 30mins before chemo.
	<b>Sancuso</b> ProStrakan	transdermal patch	3.1mg/day	R	1 patch 24-48hrs before chemo, remove at minimum 24hrs after completion of chemo; max 7 days.
Ondansetron	<b>Zofran</b> GSK	tabs	4mg, 8mg, 24mg	R	<b>Highly emetogenic:</b> 24mg 30mins before chemo.
		orally-disintegrating tabs (ODT)	4mg, 8mg	R	<b>Moderately emetogenic:</b> 8mg for 2 doses starting 30mins before chemo, then 8mg every 12hrs for 1-2 days after.
		soln	4mg/5mL	R	<b>Post-op prophylaxis:</b> 16mg 1hr before anesthesia.
		IV or IM inj	2mg/mL	R	>18yrs: 32mg once or 0.15mg/kg every 4hrs for 3 doses 30mins before chemo. <b>Post-op:</b> 4mg IV before anesthesia or shortly post-op.
Palonosetron	<b>Aloxi Capsules</b> Eisai	caps	0.5mg	R	<b>Chemotherapy:</b> ≥18yrs: 0.5mg one hour prior to chemotherapy.
		IV inj	0.075mg/1.5mL 0.25mg/5mL	R	<b>Chemotherapy:</b> ≥18yrs: give 30 minutes prior to chemotherapy. 0.25mg IV over 30 seconds; max 1 dose/week. <b>Post-op:</b> give immediately before anesthesia induction. 0.075mg IV over 10 seconds.
<b>PHENOTHIAZINES</b>					
Chlorpromazine	<b>Thorazine</b> GSK	tabs	10mg, 5mg, 50mg, 100mg, 200mg	R	10-25mg every 4-6hrs.
		syruo	10mg/5mL	R	
		supp inj	25mg, 100mg 25mg/mL	R	50-100mg every 6-8hrs. 25-50mg every 3-4hrs.
Prochlorperazine	(various)	tabs	5mg, 10mg	R	5-10mg 3-4 times daily; max 40mg/day.
		supps	2.5mg, 5mg, 25mg	R	2.5mg twice daily; max 40mg/day.
Promethazine	(various)	tabs	12.5mg, 25mg, 50mg	R	<b>Motion sickness:</b> 25mg 30-60mins before departure, maintenance: 25mg every 12hrs.
		supps	12.5mg, 25mg, 50mg	R	<b>Peri-op:</b> initially 25mg, then 12.5-25mg every 4-6hrs.
<b>SUBSTITUTED BENZAMIDES</b>					
Metoclopramide	<b>Metozolv ODT</b> Salix	orally-disintegrating tabs	5mg, 10mg	R	<b>Diabetic gastroparesis:</b> 10mg 4 times daily 30 minutes before meals and at bedtime for 2-8 weeks. Allow tablet to dissolve on tongue. Renal impairment: reduce dose.
		tabs	5mg, 10mg	R	<b>N/V dues to diabetic gastroparesis:</b> 10mg 30mins before meals and bedtime for 2-8 weeks.
Trimethobenzamide	<b>Tigan</b> King	caps IM inj	300mg 100mg/mL	R R	200mg (IM) or 300mg (oral) 3-4 times daily.
<b>SUBSTANCE P/NEUROKININ 1 RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST</b>					
Aprepitant	<b>Emend</b> Merck	caps	40mg, 80mg, 125mg	R	<b>Chemo-induced:</b> 125mg 1hr before chemo; then on days 2 and 3: 80mg in AM. <b>Post-op prophylaxis:</b> 40mg within 3hrs prior to anesthesia

## NOTES

- \*Usual Dose is the manufacturer's suggested dose for healthy adults (eg, doses for hepatic or renal impairment are not shown). Patients' individual needs may vary.  
Adjust dose based on clinical effect.  
•TBI = total body irradiation  
•See individual product entries for exact indications, other dosing information, IV infusion rates, and other important information.