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SUBJECT: IV Antiemetic Shortages

TO: New Hampshire EMS Providers, Medical Directors, EMS Unit Leaders, and EMS Hospital Coordinators

FROM: The NH Bureau of EMS and NH Medical Control Board

In addition to national shortages of fentanyl and diazepam, we have begun to experience shortages of antiemetics including:

- ondansetron (Zofran)
- prochlorperazine (Compazine)
- metoclopramide (Reglan)

Manufacturers have not released any estimates of when these agents will be available in their usual quantities.

At the NH EMS Medical Control Board Meeting yesterday, we agreed to make a formulary change that should help to address this issue.

The Medical Control Board approved the oral form of ondansetron (typically known as Zofran ODT) for use by EMS providers. Dosing will be as follows:

Adults/Pediatric patients – dissolve one 4mg tablet in the patient’s mouth every 10 minutes – maximum of two doses.

There is a very wide dosing range for oral ondansetron, so, 4mg falls within both the adult and pediatric therapeutic range.

For the 2013 edition of the NH EMS Protocols we will include oral ondansetron dosing.

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