



**PROPHYLAXIS OF POSTOPERATIVE VOMITING and  
NAUSEA**  
*AN INADEQUATE CLINICAL INTEREST*

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# INTRODUCTION



- Post operative vomiting and nausea (POVN) is a common and distressing in children patient.
- The general incidence of vomiting is about 30%, nausea is about 50% and high – risk patient is about 80%.
- Unresolved POVN may result in PACU, and increase care cost.



# INTRODUCTION

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- The goal of POVN prophylaxis is to decrease POVN and therefore patient-related distress and reduce health cost.
- This guideline is to provide comprehensive information to physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and health care providers strategy to prevent and treat POVN.

# INTRODUCTION





# Patient factors



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**Age:** Above 3 yrs: markedly increased risk

B

**History of POV:** is an independent risk factor of subsequent POV in children

C

**Motion sickness:** is likely an independent risk factor of subsequent POV in children

D

**Gender:** Post pubertal girls have an increased incidence of POV, which may be related with sex hormone.

**Preoperative anxiety:** Well conducted in school – aged children

**Smoking:** In adult: less susceptible to POV, In children: no data published

**Obesity:** No relationship between obesity and POV

# Surgical factors

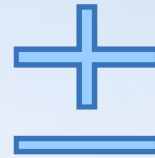


A

Strabismus surgery

A

Tonsillectomy



Adenoidectomy

C

Surgical duration > 30 min under GA



# Anesthetic factors



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**Volatile agents:** Increase risk of emesis

B

**Perioperative opioids:** Increase risk of POV with long – acting agents

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**Perioperative fluids:** Intraoperative fluids may reduce POV in day case surgery. Children should drink before discharge, but not mandatory.

C

**Nitrous oxide:** Without increasing of POV

D

**Anticholinesterase drugs (Neostigmine):** Increase POV in children

# Pharmacological



**Table 5. Antiemetic Doses for Prophylaxis of POV in Children**

Drug	Dose	Evidence
Dexamethasone	150 mcg/kg up to 5 mg	A1 <sup>332</sup>
Dimenhydrinate	0.5 mg/kg up to 25 mg	A1 <sup>154</sup>
Dolasetron	350 mcg/kg up to 12.5 mg	A2 <sup>333</sup>
Droperidol <sup>a</sup>	10–15 mcg/kg up to 1.25 mg	A1 <sup>140</sup>
Granisetron	40 mcg/kg up to 0.6 mg	A2 <sup>334</sup>
Ondansetron <sup>b</sup>	50–100 mcg/kg up to 4 mg	A1 <sup>335</sup>
Tropisetron	0.1 mg/kg up to 2 mg	A1 <sup>97</sup>

These recommendations are evidence based, and not all the drugs have an FDA indication for PONV. Drugs are listed alphabetically.

<sup>a</sup>See FDA black box warning. Recommended doses 10 to 15 mcg/kg.

<sup>b</sup>Approved for POV in pediatric patients aged 1 month and older.



# Prevention of PONV

A

**High risk:** IV ondansetron 0.05 mg/kg and Dexamethasone 0.15 mg/kg

A

**Increased risk:** only either IV ondansetron 0.05 mg/kg or Dexamethasone 0.15 mg/kg

D

**High risk:** considered intravenous anesthesia and alternatives to opioid analgesia

# Pharmacologic combination

## Table 4. Pharmacologic Combination Therapy for Adults and Children

### Adults

Droperidol + dexamethasone<sup>47</sup> (A1)

5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist + dexamethasone<sup>47,120,189,192,327</sup> (A1)

5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist + droperidol<sup>47,140,188,257</sup> (A1)

5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonist + dexamethasone + droperidol (A2)

Ondansetron + casopitant<sup>118,117,117,118</sup> or TDS<sup>187</sup> (A1)

### Combinations in children

Ondansetron, 0.05 mg/kg, + dexamethasone, 0.015 mg/kg<sup>328,329</sup> (A1)

Ondansetron, 0.1 mg/kg, + droperidol, 0.015 mg/kg<sup>330</sup> (A1)

Tropisetron, 0.1 mg/kg, + dexamethasone, 0.5 mg/kg<sup>331</sup> (A1)

See Table 5 for dose ranges for children.



# Treatment established POVN

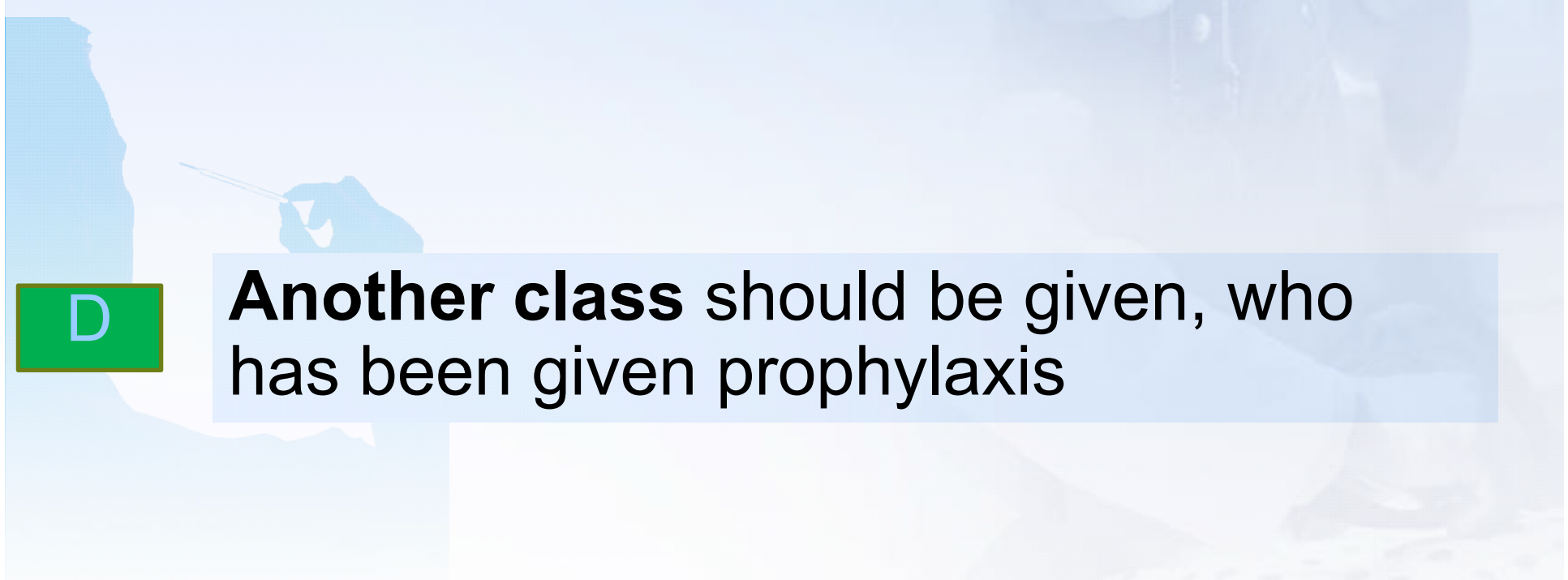


**B**

**IV ondansetron 0.05 mg/kg** who have not been given prophylaxis

**D**

**Another class** should be given, who has been given prophylaxis





Thanks for listening

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