### Drug Information Table
Serotonin antagonists – ondansetron (Zofran)

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| Nausea, vomiting from chemotherapy, radiation therapy, postoperative recovery | • Give orally or IV.  
• When treating chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, give the drug IV slowly (over 15 min) starting 30 min before chemotherapy administration, and then 4 and 8 hr later.  
• When treating anesthesia-induced nausea and vomiting, give the drug 1 hr before anesthesia induction.  
• When treating radiation-induced nausea and vomiting, give the drug 1 to 2 hrs before therapy, and then every 8 hrs as needed. |

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| Headache             | • Monitor for persistent headache.  
• Administer analgesics for pain relief. | • Report headache.  
• Take over-the-counter analgesics to relieve headache if taking the drug at home. |
| Dizziness            | • Monitor for dizziness. | • Report dizziness.  
• Do not engage in dangerous activities if dizziness occurs or tends to recur.  
• Lie down and change positions slowly when feeling dizzy. |
| Diarrhea             | • Monitor for severe diarrhea and dehydration. | • Report diarrhea.  
• Drink plenty of clear fluids. |

### Contraindications
- Children younger than 4 yr
- Liver dysfunction
- Phenylketonuria
- QT prolongation

### Precautions

### Interactions
- Rifampin (Rifadin) decreases drug levels.