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SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF INTRAVENOUS ADMINISTRATION OF ONDANSETRON FROM  
PEDIATRIC STANDING ORDERS

The intravenous administration of ondansetron is being deleted from OCEMS pediatric standing orders effective July 10, 2017. This action is taken following pediatric consultant recommendations that for the pediatric aged population, ondanestron is best administered intravenously in diluted solution over 15 to 30 minutes as opposed to the more rapid intravenous infusion commonly used in the EMS setting.

The administration of ondansetron oral-dissolving tablets (ODT) for children four years of age and older remains unchanged in OCEMS standing orders. There is no change in ondansetron OCEMS standing orders for adult and adolescent patients.