

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

SUBJECT: Hyperemesis of Pregnancy Consult Protocol

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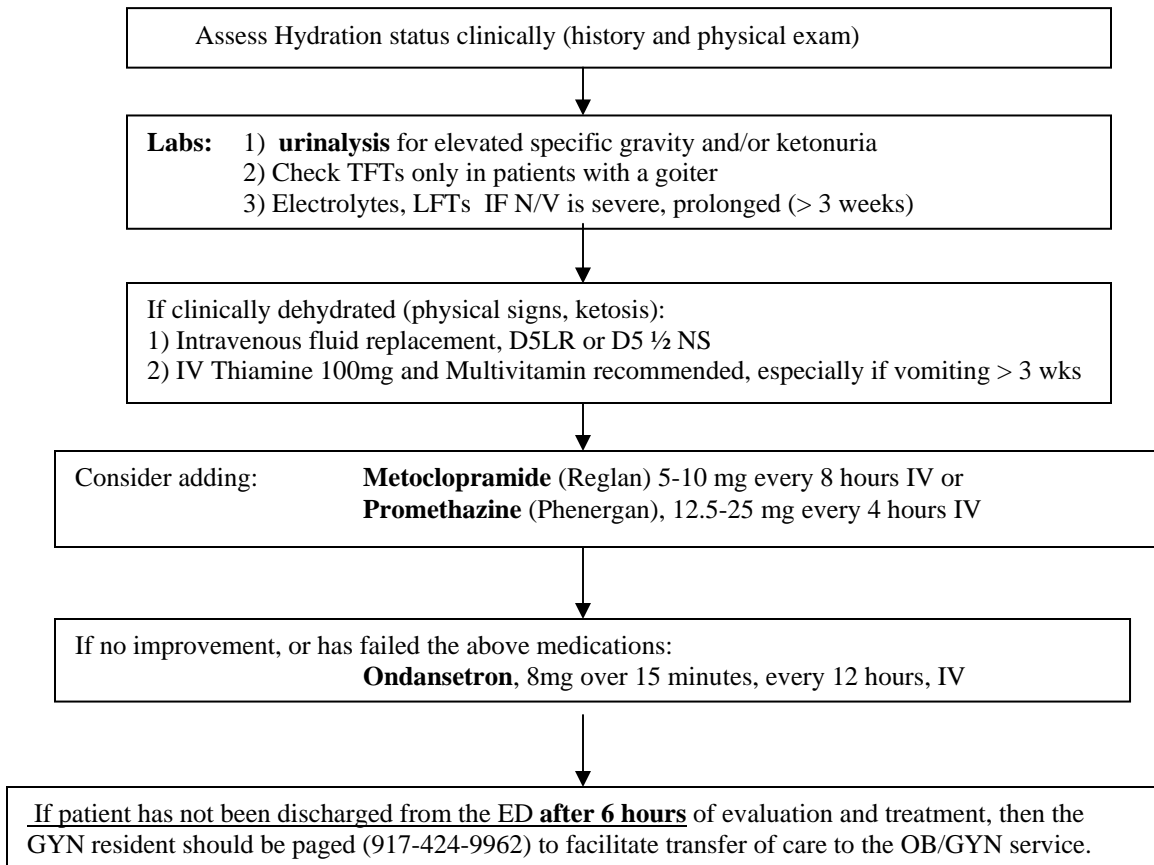
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Patient Population

Neonate	
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	

Nausea and vomiting of pregnancy affects 70-85% of pregnant women. It occurs prior to 9 weeks gestation in almost all affected women. Patients that experience nausea/vomiting for the first time after 9 weeks should have other conditions ruled out. Hyperemesis gravidarum represents the extreme end of the spectrum (0.5-2% of pregnancies). The most common criteria include persistent vomiting not related to other causes, a measure of acute starvation (large ketonuria), and a measure of weight loss, usually 5% of prepregnancy weight.

ALGORITHM (Once other causes of nausea and vomiting have been ruled out)



Adapted from: ACOG practice Bulletin, Clinical Management Guidelines for Obstetrician-Gynecologists. Number 52, April 2004.