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FROM: Office of the Medical Director
Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority (SVMCA)
1000 Houghton Ave.
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SUBJECT: National ZOFTRAN (ondansetron) Shortage

There is a national shortage of Zofran (ondansetron) that has begun to critically impact the SVMCA area. We are at critically LOW levels of this drug. We therefore ask:

- Do not use Zofran (ondansetron) prophylactically. (Ex: Do not give with narcotics unless the patient develops *severe* nausea/vomiting.)
- Do not use Zofran (ondansetron) unless absolutely necessary for severe nausea or if the patient has *significant* vomiting.

This shortage is expected to impact the area until further notice. We will update you as information becomes available.

Also, there is a national shortage of Valium (diazepam). This is not currently impacting the SVMCA area. However, please remember that Versed (midazolam) is an excellent alternative for all uses. Use of Versed (midazolam) is highly encouraged to help prolong our current stocks.

Thank you for your cooperation!


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