

## Prescribing Algorithm for Nausea and Vomiting in the DYING PHASE

### Version History

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### Scope

This is for use by professionals in all healthcare settings caring for patients experiencing nausea and vomiting in the dying phase.

### Key points for consideration

- This algorithm should be considered in conjunction with other Network agreed guidance relating to the care of patients in the dying phase.
- Please refer to the West Midlands Guidelines for Symptom Control in Palliative Care if the patient has a current prescription for anti emetics but is not on the maximum therapeutic dose or if the patient is not in the dying phase.
- If patients are not settling / comfortable after the given time period then further help can be sought from West Midlands Palliative Care Physicians Guidance or other Network guidelines found at the link below, alternatively contact the out of hours palliative care on call. [http://www.birminghamcancer.nhs.uk/staff/clinical-guidelines/supportive- and-palliative-care](http://www.birminghamcancer.nhs.uk/staff/clinical-guidelines/supportive-and-palliative-care)


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- Contact details for supportive and palliative care can be found in the Network supportive and palliative care directory located here: <http://www.birminghamcancer.nhs.uk/staff/supportive-and-palliative-care/supportive-care>, or at the end of the referral guideline located here: <http://www.birminghamcancer.nhs.uk/staff/clinical-guidelines/supportive-and-palliative-care>

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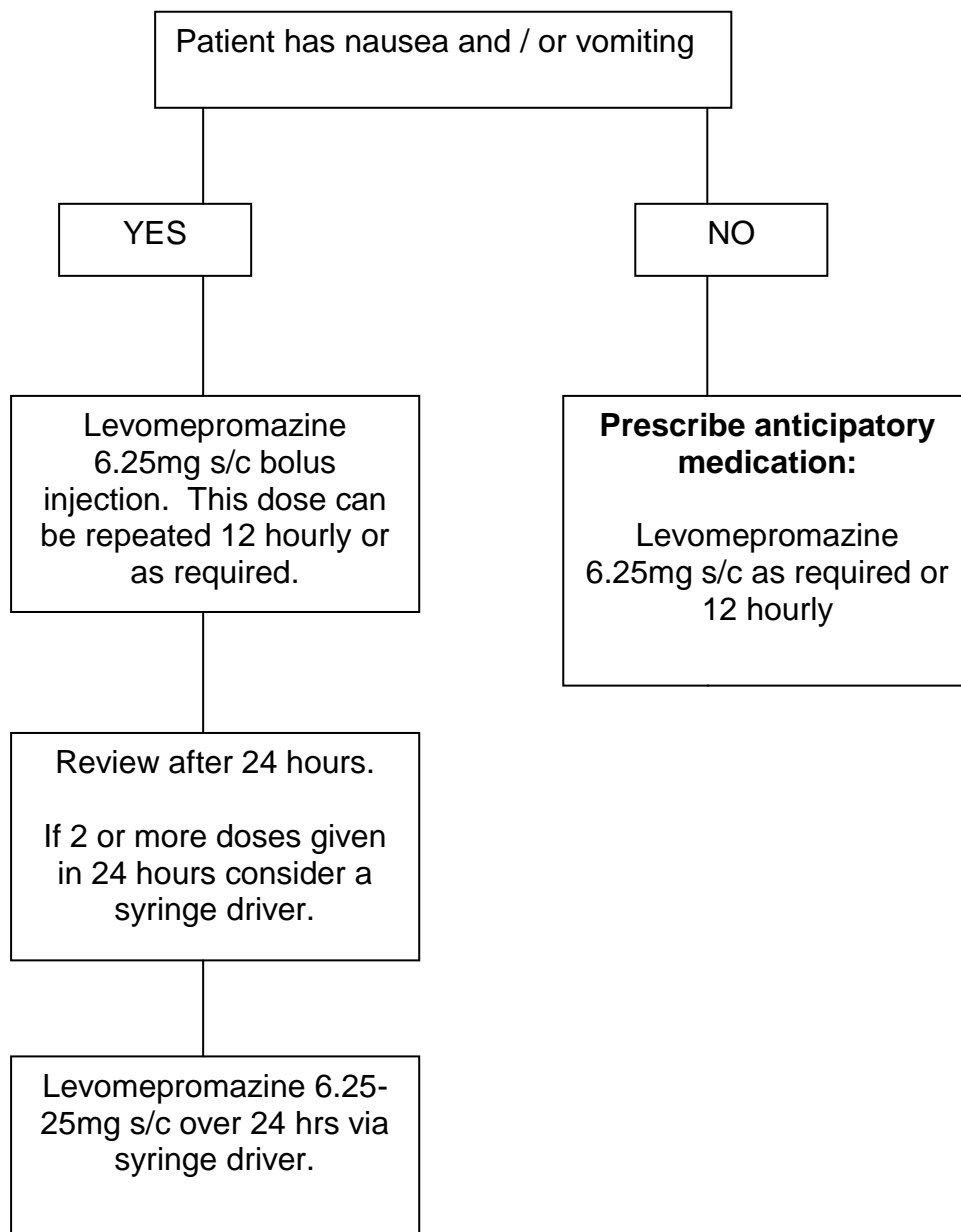
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