

Availability and accessibility of antiemetics in the region: Barriers to implement MASCC/ESMO Guidelines



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Objectives

- MASCC/ESMO Antiemetic Guidelines
- Are Antiemetic Guidelines useful?
- Barriers to the implementation of guidelines
- Limitations in the use of guidelines
- The Eastern European status
- What to do?
- Conclusion



MASCC/ESMO Antiemetic Guidelines

2016 MASCC and ESMO guideline update for the prevention of chemotherapy- and radiotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting and of nausea and vomiting in advanced cancer patients

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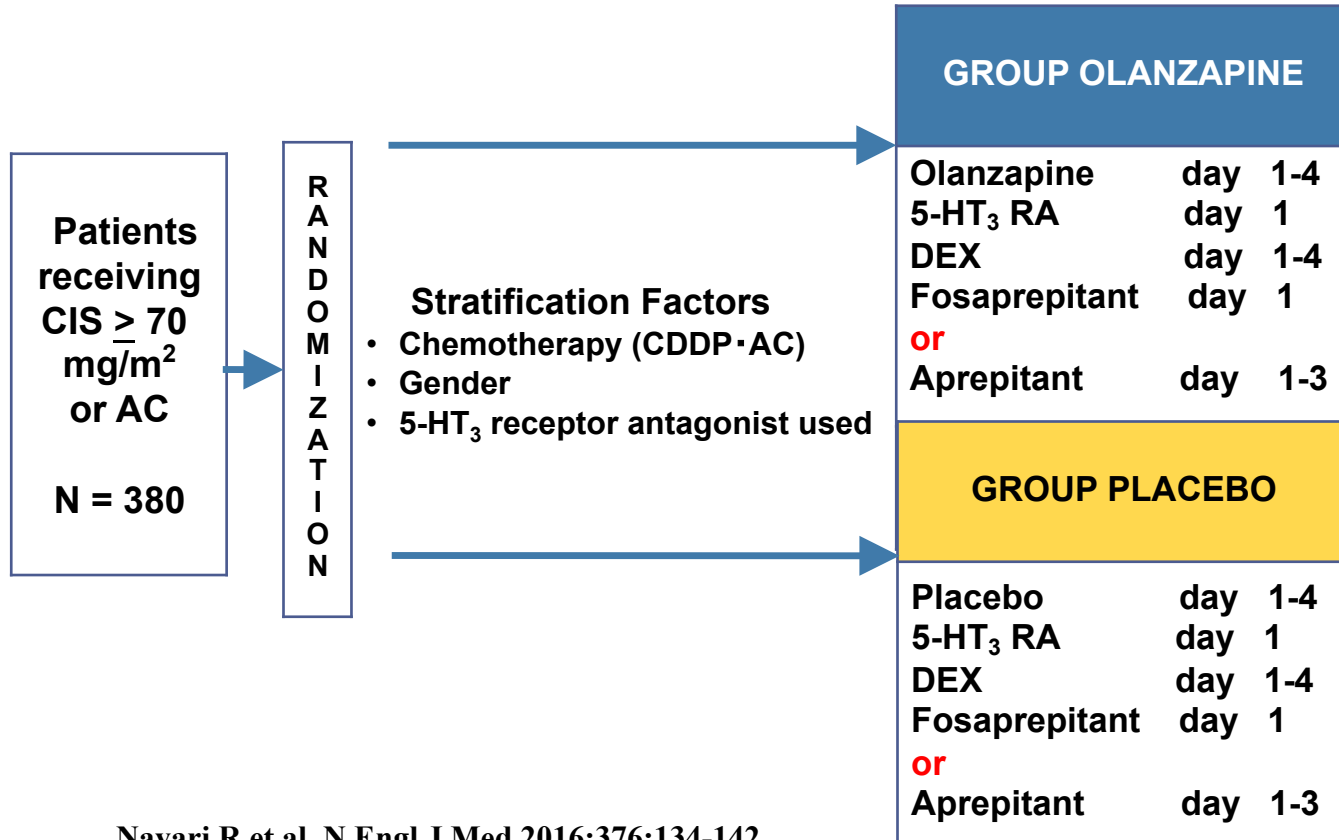
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Olanzapine for the Prevention of Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting

Rudolph M. Navari, M.D., Rui Qin, Ph.D., Kathryn J. Ruddy, M.D.,
Heshan Liu, Ph.D., Steven F. Powell, M.D., Madhuri Bajaj, M.D.,
Leah Dietrich, M.D., David Biggs, M.D., Jacqueline M. Lafky, M.S.,
and Charles L. Loprinzi, M.D.

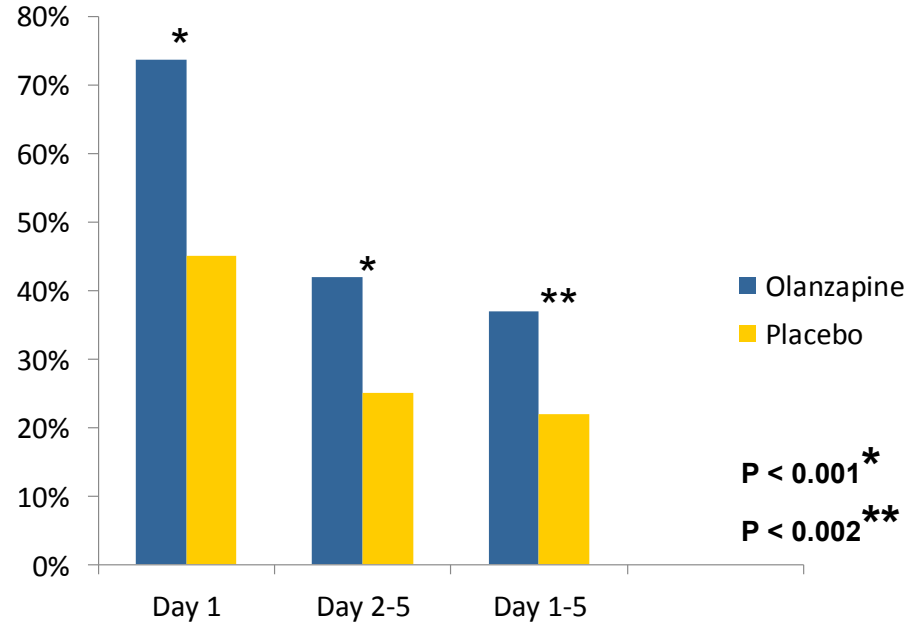
N Engl J Med 2016;375:134-142

STUDY DESIGN



NO NAUSEA RATES

No nausea = 0 on a 0-10 Visual Analogue Scale



Navari R et al. N Engl J Med 2016;376:134-142.

REVIEW



The latest consensus on antiemetics

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Table 2. The latest recommendations for antiemetic prophylaxis

High Emetic Risk (> 90% risk)	Administration	MASCC/ESMO
All HEC		5-HT ₃ -RA + DEX + NK ₁ -RA or
	Day 1	5-HT ₃ -RA + DEX + OLA or
		5-HT ₃ -RA + DEX + NK ₁ -RA + OLA
HEC - Cisplatin	Days 2-4	DEX ¹ or DEX + OLA
HEC - AC	Days 2-3	None ² or OLA

1. If aprepitant is used day 1, then aprepitant should be continued days 2-3.
2. If aprepitant is used day 1, aprepitant or dexamethasone should be continued days 2-3.

A, anthracycline; C, cyclophosphamide; DEX, dexamethasone; HEC, high emetic risk; OLA, olanzapine; 5-HT₃-RA, serotonin₃-receptor antagonist; NK₁-RA, neurokinin₁-receptor antagonist.

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Moderate Emetic Risk (30-90% risk)	Administration	MASCC/ESMO
Carboplatin (\geq AUC 4)	Day 1	5-HT ₃ -RA + DEX + NK ₁ -RA
Other MEC		5-HT ₃ -RA + DEX
Carboplatin (\geq AUC 4)	Days 2-3	None ¹
Oxaliplatin or A or C		DEX or none
Other MEC		None

1. If aprepitant is used day 1, then aprepitant should be continued days 2-3.

A, anthracycline; C, cyclophosphamide; DEX, dexamethasone; MEC, moderate emetic risk; OLA, olanzapine; 5-HT₃-RA, serotonin₃-receptor antagonist; NK₁-RA, neurokinin₁-receptor antagonist.

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Emetic Risk	Administration	MASCC/ESMO
Low (10-30%)	Day 1	5-HT ₃ -RA or DEX or DOP-RA
	Days 2-3	None
Minimal (< 10%)	Days 1-3	No routine prophylaxis

DEX, dexamethasone; 5-HT₃-RA, serotonin₃-receptor antagonist; DOP-RA, dopamine-receptor antagonist.

Are antiemetic guidelines useful?

The effect of guideline-consistent antiemetic therapy on chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV): the Pan European Emesis Registry (PEER)

M. Aapro^{1*}, A. Molassiotis², M. Dicato³, I. Peláez⁴, Á. Rodríguez-Lescure⁵, D. Pastorelli⁶, L. Ma⁷, T. Burke⁷, A. Gu⁷, P. Gascon⁸ & F. Roila⁹; on behalf of the PEER investigators

Ann Oncol 2012;23:1986-1992.

Guideline-consistent CINV prophylaxis reduces the incidence of CINV after single-day HEC and MEC.

N = 1.295

Antiemetic Guideline Consistency and Incidence of Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting in US Community Oncology Practice: INSPIRE Study

By James W. Gilmore, PharmD, Nancy W. Peacock, MD, Anna Gu, MD, PhD, Stephen Szabo, MD, Melissa Rammage, PharmD, MS, Joyce Sharpe, RN, OCN, Sally T. Haislip, RPh, Toni Perry, RN, Tim L. Boozan, RN, Katherine Meador, RN, Xiting Cao, PhD, and Thomas A. Burke, PharmD, PhD

J Oncol Pract 2014;10:68-74.

Increased adherence to antiemetic guidelines could significantly reduce the incidence of CINV after HEC and MEC

Barriers to the implementation of guidelines

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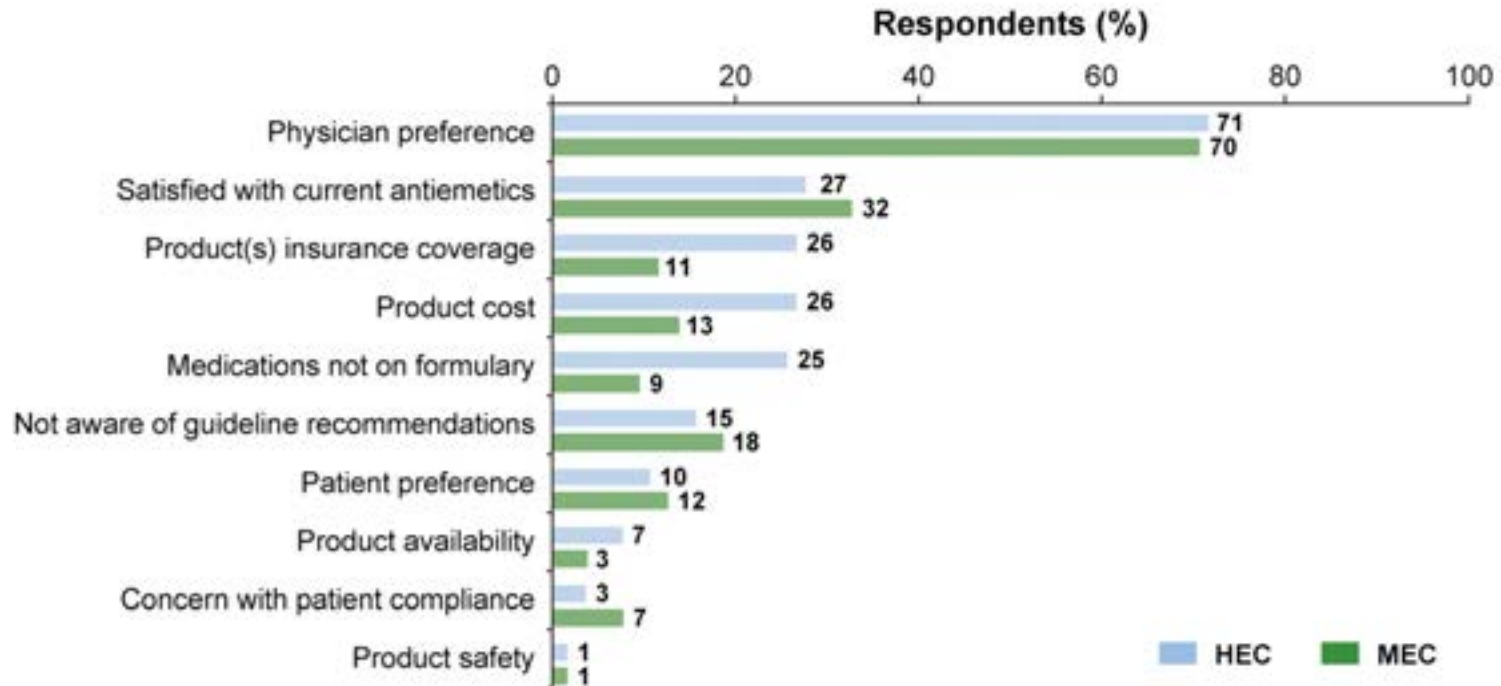
- Policy, reimbursement and sustainability
- Linguistic problems
- Drugs not available in all countries
- New drugs are expensive
- Physicians and nurses underestimate the incidence of DNV

Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV) and adherence to antiemetic guidelines: results of a survey of oncology nurses

Rebecca Clark-Snow¹ · Mary Lou Affronti² · Cynthia N. Rittenberg³

Support Care Cancer 2018;26:557-564.

Reported barriers/reasons interfering with using guideline-recommended antiemetics



Limitations in the use of guidelines

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- Studies do not always reflect true clinical situations
- Not all clinical situations have been studied
- Only updated guidelines are useful

The Eastern European status

Availability of antiemetics in Eastern Europe

	APR	FOSAPR	ROL	NEPA	OND	GRAN	PALO	OLAN	DEX
SRB	Only reimbursed for cisplatin	Not registered	Not registered	Only reimbursed for cisplatin	Free	Free	Only reimbursed for cisplatin	Off label use	Free
MNE	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	Free	Free	Only reimbursed for cisplatin	Off label use	Free
BIH	Only reimbursed for cisplatin	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	Free	Free	Not registered	Off label use	Free
SVN	Free	Free	Not registered	Free	Free	Free	Free	Off label use	Free
ALB	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	Not registered	Free	Not registered	Not registered	Off label use	Free
GRC	Free	Free	Free	Not registered	Free	Free	Free	Off label use	Free
POL	Free	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not accessible, out of pocket	Free	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not accessible, out of pocket	Off label use	Free
BGR	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not registered	Not accessible, out of pocket	Free	Free	Free	Off label use	Off label use
HUN	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not registered	Not registered	Free	Free	Free	Off label use	Free
SVK	Free	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not registered	Free	Free	Free	Free	Off label use	Free
ROU	Not accessible, out of pocket	Not registered	Not registered	Not accessible, out of pocket	Free	Free	Free	Off label use	Free
CZ	Free	Not registered	Not registered	Not accessible, out of pocket	Free	Free	Free	Off label use	Free

Free
 Not registered
 Only reimbursed for cisplatin
 Off label use
 Not accessible, out of pocket

SRB=Serbia, **MNE**=Montenegro, **BIH**=Bosnia, **SVN**=Slovenia, **ALB**=Albania, **GRC**=Greece, **HRV**=Croatia, **POL**=Poland, **BGR**=Bulgaria, **TUR**=Turkey, **AUT**=Austria, **HUN**=Hungary, **SVK**=Slovakia, **ROU**=Romania

APR=aprepitant, **FOSAPR**= fosaprepitant, **ROL**=rolapitant, **NEPA**=netupitant, **OND**=ondansetron, **GRAN**=granisetron, **PALO**=palonosetron, **OLAN**=olanzapine, **DEX**=dexamethasone

Courtesy of Dr Ana Zilic

What to do?

What to do?

- Focus on the recommendations with the highest level of confidence
- Focus on patients with the highest risk of nausea and vomiting
- What can be done using the available antiemetics?

Level of confidence and level of consensus

HIGH EMETIC RISK CHEMOTHERAPY

Anthracycline-cyclophosphamide (AC)

Aprepitant Warr DG et al. J Clin Oncol 2005;23:2822-2830.

Aprepitant Rapoport B et al. Support Care Cancer 2010;18:423-31.

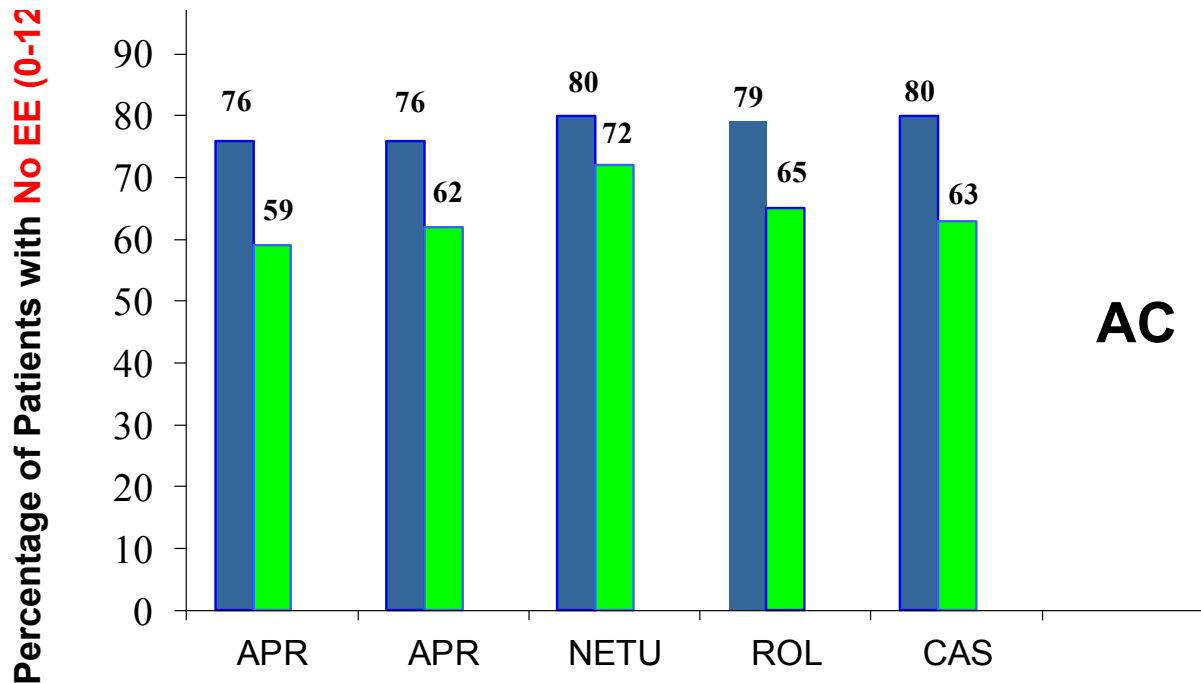
Netupitant Aapro MS et al. Ann Oncol 2014;25:1328-33.

Rolapitant Schwartzberg L et al. Lancet Oncol 2015;16:1071-78.

Casopitant Herrstedt J et al. J Clin Oncol 2009; 27:5363-5369.

5-HT₃-receptor antagonist + dexamethasone + placebo or a NK₁-receptor antagonist

Number of patients 848-1917



COMMITTEE II (3/6):

Prevention of **Acute** Nausea and Vomiting Following **Anthracycline-Cyclophosphamide**-Based Chemotherapy of **High Emetic Risk**

In women with breast cancer, a three-drug regimen including single doses of **a 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist, dexamethasone, and an NK₁ receptor antagonist** (aprepitant, fosaprepitant, netupitant* or rolapitant), given before chemotherapy is recommended.

MASCC Level of Confidence: High

MASCC Level of Consensus: High

* Netupitant administered with palonosetron as part of the fixed-dose oral combination agent NEPA

NOTE: If a NK1 receptor antagonist is not available for AC chemotherapy, palonosetron is the preferred 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist.

NK₁ RA Regimen in Patients Receiving Carboplatin

Overall (0-120h) No Emesis Rate	APR + 5-HT ₃ RA + DEX	5-HT ₃ RA + DEX	Absolute Difference
Gralla (N = 192)*	84%	70%	14% S
Overall (0-120h) Complete Response	APR + 5-HT ₃ RA + DEX	5-HT ₃ RA + DEX	Absolute Difference
Tanioka (N = 91) [†]	62%	52%	10% NS
Ito (N = 134)	80%	67%	13% NS
Yahata (N = 324) ^{††}	62%	47%	15% S
Hesketh (N = 401)	80%	65%	15% S
Weinstein (N = 513)	78%	63%	15% S

*Posthoc analysis of the Rapoport study in a subgroup of patients
[†]98% of patients received carboplatin-based chemotherapy
^{††}All patients received carboplatin and paclitaxel
 APR = aprepitant, DEX = dexamethasone

Gralla R, J Clin Oncol 2010; 28: A9057.
 Tanioka M, et al. Br J Cancer. 2013;109(4):859-865.
 Ito Y, et al. Lung Cancer. 2014;84(3):259-264.
 Yahata H, et al. Int J Clin Oncol 2015;Epub ahead of print December 10.
 Hesketh PJ, et al. Cancer 2016;122:2418-25.
 Weinstein C. ESMO 2016 (abstract 14350).

COMMITTEE III (3a/3):

Prevention of **Acute** Nausea and Vomiting in Patients Receiving **Carboplatin**-Based Chemotherapy

A combination of an **NK₁ receptor antagonist**, **5-HT₃ receptor antagonist**, and **dexamethasone** is recommended for the prophylaxis of nausea and vomiting induced by carboplatin-based chemotherapy.

MASCC Level of Confidence: Moderate

MASCC Level of Consensus: Moderate

The development of a prediction tool to identify cancer patients at high risk for chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting

G. Dranitsaris^{1*}, A. Molassiotis², M. Clemons¹, E. Roeland³, L. Schwartzberg⁴, P. Dielenseger⁵, K. Jordan⁶, A. Young⁷ & M. Aapro⁸

Ann Oncol 2017;28:1260-1267.

Table 2. Predictive factors for nausea and vomiting from days 0 to 5

Predictive factor^a	Odds ratio^b	(95% CI)	Impact on risk
Age <60 years	1.41	(1.12–1.77)	↑ by 41%
Anticipatory nausea and vomiting	1.41	(1.13–1.77)	↑ by 41%
Sleep <7 h	1.34	(1.10–1.48)	↑ by 34%
History of morning sickness	1.30	(1.04–1.64)	↑ by 30%
Use of non-prescribed antiemetics at home	2.70	(1.45–2.60)	↑ 2.7 times
Platinum- or anthracycline-based chemotherapy	1.94	(1.45–2.60)	↑ by 94%
Nausea or vomiting in the prior cycle	5.17	(3.72–7.18)	↑ 5.17 times
Cycle number (vs. cycle 1)			
Cycle 2	0.17	(0.12–0.24)	↓ by 83%
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- Always use guideline recommended antiemetic prophylaxis
- If not all antiemetics are available focus
 - **on the antineoplastic agents with the highest emetic risk**
 - **on the patients with the highest emetic risk**
 - **on the recommendations with the highest level of evidence**
- Follow-up and modify if necessary