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Emend
(Brand Name)

Generic Name: Aprepitant

Purpose: This medication is used to help prevent nausea and vomiting that may occur after surgery. This is a medication that blocks the actions of chemicals in the body that trigger nausea and vomiting. It is commonly used together with other medications to prevent nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy, but we use it to help reduce the chance of nausea and vomiting associated with surgery. However, Emend must be given prior to surgery and is not effective in treating nausea and vomiting after they occur.

Usage: One pill (40 mg) is taken with a small sip of water 3 hours before the time of your scheduled surgery to help prevent nausea and vomiting associated with surgery.

Possible Side Effects: You should not use Emend if you are taking pimozide, as a drug interaction can occur when both of these medications are taken together. It is also best not to use if you have liver disease. Emend can make birth control pills less effective, resulting in pregnancy. This effect can last for up to 28 days after the last dose of this medication, so it is important to use other methods of birth control for at least one month after taking Emend. Short-term use of this medication is associated with very few side effects. However, the patient may experience hives, itching, difficulty breathing, dizziness, fast heart rate, stomach pain, diarrhea, constipation, hiccups, and headache. If you have concerns about any of the side effects listed above, please check with Dr. Beeson. If you experience other effects not listed above, contact Dr. Beeson.