



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** RPPEO Paramedics

**FROM:** Frank St-Jean, Manager RPPEO

**DATE:** April 12, 2023

**RE: Rescinding Medical Advisory on DimenHYDRINATE (Gravol) for Patients 65 and Older**

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The Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario (RPPEO) is today rescinding Medical Advisory 2023-02 “DimenHYDRINATE (Gravol) for Patients 65 and Older.”

The Ontario Ministry of Health’s Emergency Health Regulatory and Accountability Branch issued on April 3, 2023, a Memorandum entitled “Nausea and Vomiting Directive and Ondansetron Shortage,” that indicates paramedics may consider dimenHYDRINATE in patients 65 years of age or older.

Paramedics should follow the direction provided in the Ministry of Health Memo on the consideration and use of dimenHYDRINATE when ondansetron is not available. The Ministry of Health’s April 3, 2023, Memo supersedes previous RPPEO guidance on this issue.

Given the direction provided by the Ministry of Health, patching is optional for administration of dimenHYDRINATE in the identified senior population. RPPEO paramedics are encouraged to consult with a Base Hospital Physician when you are considering dimenHYDRINATE for patients 65 years of age or older, or in any situation where you would like to discuss the relative risks and benefits of medication.

For your convenience, the rescinded RPPEO-issued Medical Advisory 2023-02 from February 16, 2023, will remain available on the RPPEO site for information.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact [info@RPPEO.ca](mailto:info@RPPEO.ca).