Nausea and Vomiting



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Nausea (feeling like you are going to throw up) and vomiting (throwing up) may be caused by:

- cancer
- cancer treatments such as:
 - chemotherapy
 - radiation to some areas of the body
- medications
- food smells, perfumes and other odors.

Preventing nausea is important. It is more difficult to stop it once it starts. Taking your medications as prescribed is <u>very</u> important. If you can not afford to buy these medications talk to your nurse.

Tips to help with nausea:

- Choose cold or room temperature foods. They may be easier to eat since they don't smell as much as hot foods.
- Limit your intake of fried, spicy or very sweet foods.
- Stay away from the kitchen when food is being prepared. Ask your friends and family to help with food preparation.
- Drink through a straw to reduce the smell of your drink.
- Sip on fluids throughout the day to prevent dehydration. This is very important if you are vomiting.

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• Eat smaller amounts more often. You may feel more nauseated when your stomach is empty.

- Eat dry starchy foods such as crackers, plain rice, toast and pretzels.
- Sip ginger tea or gingerale.
- Avoid lying down for 30 to 60 minutes after eating.
- Get some fresh air. An open window or a fan will help move the air and remove odors.

Managing Nausea

Your doctor may prescribe one or more medications to control nausea. Here are a couple of things to remember:

- Some of the medications are used to prevent nausea. Others are used to treat nausea once you have it.
- It is important to use the medications prescribed for you.

Call your nurse or doctor if you:

- feel your nausea medication is not working. The amount or type of medication may need to be changed.
- are unable to keep down fluids.
- have diarrhea or cramping with your nausea.
- are not sure how or when to take your medication. You could also call a CancerCare Manitoba pharmacist at 787-1902.

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