

Assessment	Score
A. At 6 hours after surgery (or time of discharge if after ambulatory surgery)	
Q1 Have you vomited or had dry-retching*? a) No b) Once or twice c) Three or more times	0 2 50
Q2 Have you experienced a feeling of nausea ("an unsettled feeling in the stomach and slight urge to vomit")? If yes, has your feeling of nausea interfered with activities of daily living, such as being able to get out of bed, being able to move about freely in bed, being able to walk normally or eating and drinking? a) No b) Sometimes c) Often or most of the time d) All of the time	0 1 2 25
Q3 Has your nausea been mostly: a) varying ("comes and goes")? b) constant ("is nearly or almost always present")?	1 2
Q4 What was the duration of your feeling of nausea (in hours [whole or fraction])?	___ . ___ h
For Part A, if answer to Q1 = c), score A = 50; otherwise, select the highest score of Q1 or Q2, then multiply x Q3 x Q4	PONV intensity score (0-6 h) A =

*Count distinct episodes: several vomits or retching events occurring over a short time frame, say 5 min, should be counted as one vomiting/dry-retching episode; multiple episodes require distinct time periods without vomiting/dry-retching

Scoring for Clinical Importance of PONV

Total Score	Score
Clinically important PONV is defined as a total score ≥ 50 at any time throughout the study period. Scores at 6 and 24 (and, if considered important in the clinical context, 72) hours can be added for quantification of the entire period, or sub-scales used for each period.	Final PONV intensity score (0-72 h)
A + B + C =	

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IMAGE 12: The Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting (PONV) Intensity Scale.