

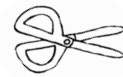
# The Unicorn Foundation carcinoid crisis patient card

## **MEDICAL ALERT** **CARCINOID CRISIS**

I have a neuroendocrine cancer and I am at risk of a carcinoid crises (labile blood pressure, arrhythmias, bronchospasm, flushing) if I have invasive medical or surgical procedures.

The management of carcinoid crisis is intravenous octreotide. This can be given as an infusion or by intermittent bolus to control symptoms.

I will need perioperative prophylactic treatment of intravenous octreotide for acute surgery. I may need additional intravenous octreotide if I still have symptoms. A lower dose can be given subcutaneously for more minor procedures.



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**ALL DOSAGES GIVEN ON THE REVERSE OF THIS CARD**

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**For prophylaxis:**  
Preoperative bolus of 500µg of octreotide and then infusion of 50-500µg per hour during surgery and continued post-op for 24-48 hours.  
Intermittent boluses (50-150µg) can also be given as required  
**For unexpected carcinoid crisis:**  
Bolus IV Octreotide 100-500µg, followed by the infusion above.  
(Woltering et al 2016; Seymour et al 2013)  
**Avoid use of adrenaline and noradrenaline**



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