

The Hurl•e® "Pocket-Size" All Purpose Emesis Container (Barf Bag)
Always Ready – Anytime, Anyplace™

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■ **Introducing The Hurl•e® "Pocket-Size" All Purpose Emesis Container**

The Hurl•e® Emesis Container was developed specifically to meet the special requirements of paramedics and first responders. It replaces all other types of emesis containers that are commonly used in emergency situations (e.g., emesis basins, wash basins, barf bags, etc.). The folded Hurl•e® packet is a pocket-size "all-purpose" emesis container that paramedics can carry with them at all times, and it can be deployed in seconds into a large capacity emesis container (2 liter) with some unique capabilities. And it can be used by ALL types of patients – coherent patients (hand held) AND impaired patients (hands free).

■ **Problem Statement**

Paramedics must be prepared to respond to emergencies in all types of environments and situations. They must also be ready to treat a wide range of patients including coherent patients that are cooperative and responsive as well as impaired patients that are very weak or incapacitated. A lot of planning and thought goes into selecting tools and supplies for the "starter box" because paramedics must carry everything they might need with them on scene. These tools and supplies must be compact, convenient, reliable, effective, and adaptable.

Currently, paramedics typically stock their rigs with small emesis basins (kidney shaped basins best used for spitting up, not for vomit) or large wash basins (5 or 6 liter capacity) to assist patients that are vomiting. These types of basins are too bulky to be carried by paramedics inside their "starter boxes" and therefore are not readily available when they encounter nauseated or vomiting patients on scene. **An emesis container is only useful if it is immediately available whenever and wherever it is needed.**

Conventional emesis containers were developed for use in hospitals where a wide range of supplies for every situation are stored conveniently within easy reach at all times. Paramedics do not have this luxury. They work in unpredictable environments and ever changing situations. Paramedics need tools and supplies that are small enough to be carried with them at all times and adaptable to a wide range of patients and emergency situations.

Paramedics need a compact "all-purpose" emesis container that is small enough to fit inside a fanny pack or starter box and carried with them at all times, large enough to handle 1500+ ml of vomit and adaptable enough for all types of patients whether they are coherent (hand held) or impaired (hands free).

The Hurl•e® Emesis Container (barf bag) is the solution!

■ Hurl•e® Features And Benefits

"All Purpose" emesis container 2 liter capacity – the right tool for the job. The Hurl•e® was developed specifically for paramedics, and it is ideal for use by coherent *and* impaired patients.

Conventional emesis containers (e.g., wash basins) are simply plastic basins that must be held by the patient while vomiting. They are of no use whatsoever when treating an impaired patient that is nauseated or vomiting.

Compact form factor – the Hurl•e® is a "packet" (approximately 6.5 x 3 x ½ inches) that quickly deploys into a large 2 liter capacity emesis container. The packet fits easily inside pockets, fanny packs, starter boxes, etc., and is convenient for paramedics to carry with them at all times.

Conventional emesis containers are typically too large and bulky (commonly 12 inch diameter x 4 inches deep) to be carried on scene by paramedics which is why they are usually left inside the rig. An emesis container is only useful if it is immediately available whenever and wherever it is needed.

Deploys easily in seconds – A nauseated patient can vomit at any moment, and a vomiting patient can vomit again at any moment. Quickly providing the patient with a Hurl•e® at the first sign of nausea can spare paramedics from unnecessary exposure to germs and disease and the unpleasant task of working around spilled vomit. **Time spent by paramedics cleaning up vomit and decontaminating their equipment is unpleasant, costly and increases exposure to germs and disease.**

Large container opening (36 sq. inches) – easy and effective for coherent patients to hold and use while vomiting. The container remains "wide open and ready to go".

Splash Guard/Privacy Shield – prevents vomit from splashing while also providing coherent patients with a degree of privacy in an uncomfortable situation. Paramedics, family members and bystanders also appreciate the added privacy.

When a patient vomits into a conventional emesis container the vomit tends to splash all around. This is an unpleasant mess that must be cleaned up afterwards. And conventional containers do not provide any privacy whatsoever.

Bib/Chute and Adjustable "Break-Away" Neck Strap – when a patient is too weak or impaired to hold the emesis container them self, paramedics can quickly secure the Hurl•e® under the patient's chin (like a baby bib) using the attached neck strap. The bib/chute channels vomit into the container without any assistance from the patient or the paramedic. This allows paramedics to concentrate on treating the patient without interruption or the distraction of holding a conventional emesis container.

Flat Bottom – set it down without tipping over.

Easy to fold and close after use – simply close after use and set aside for disposal.

Conventional emesis containers cannot be closed after use. A wide open container full of vomit sloshing around in the back of a moving ambulance is an accident waiting to happen.

■ **Hurl●e® Advantages Over Wash Basins and Typical Barf Bags**

Comparison of Features and Capabilities	Hurl●e®	Wash Basin	Typical Barf Bags
Compact – folded packet can easily be carried by paramedics in their pockets, fanny packs, starter boxes, etc.	•		
“All-purpose” emesis container for both coherent patients (hand held) AND impaired patients (hands free)	•		
Professional – developed specifically for paramedics	•		
Splash Guard – prevents splashing and reduces exposure to germs and disease	•		
Privacy Shield – provides coherent patients with a degree of privacy in an uncomfortable situation	•		
Integrated <u>bib/chute</u> and <u>adjustable “break-away” neck strap</u> for “hands free” use by impaired patients	•		
Large capacity container (2 liters)	•	•	
Large opening (36+ square inches)	•	•	
Flat Bottom – set it down without tipping over	•	•	
Fold and close in seconds for disposal	•		•
Volume gradation marks for estimating volume	•		•
Allows paramedics to multi-task (no more holding containers) when treating impaired patients	•		
Designed specifically for washing hands or small items		•	
Better for the environment (wash basins use 5x more plastic)	•		•