

## CVSA Online Message Board Guidelines

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- Your health care provider is the only person who can advise you on medical treatment.

Users are responsible for any actions they may take based on advice or information they receive online. Users should use their own good judgment in evaluating information received online.

- Continued participation on the CVSA Message Board after 60 days requires membership.
- If you have not requested an introductory packet of information, please do so at the same time you join the Message Board. Our intro packet will provide you with basic information about CVS & CVSA-USA/Canada and will enhance your experience on the Message Board. Any questions or concerns should be sent to: [messageboard@cvsasonline.org](mailto:messageboard@cvsasonline.org)

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3. We encourage everyone to present his or her own opinions, personal experiences, questions, and concerns in this forum.

**You must refrain from making any diagnosis or prescription of treatment.** For example, you can say that you or your child had the same symptoms and were diagnosed with abdominal migraines, but **you cannot tell another person he/she has abdominal migraines.**

**Prescription of treatment includes stating the dosage of medication prescribed.** You can say that you take

Zofran for vomiting every 4 hours. You cannot say you take a specific mg. of Zofran for vomiting or advise someone to take Zofran or any other prescription or over the counter medications.

4. **Use the CVSA Message Boards responsibly.** Do not use the Message Boards as a forum for personal correspondence with any one member. Posts should be relevant to the CVSA online community. Stay on the topic of Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome and its related medical matters.
5. **Do not use all upper cases when writing.** This is thought of as shouting.
6. **SPAM** will not be tolerated.
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