Nausea and Vomiting

What is it?

- <u>Nausea</u>- unpleasant feeling in the abdomen- pregnancy, seasick, carsick, motion sickness, chemotherapy drugs, morphine
- Vomiting- forceful explosion of stomach contents through the mouth
 - Elimination- of harmful substances
 - o Caused by- swallowing/eating a harmful substance or spoiled food
 - o Feeling- of relief follows

Signs and Symptoms:

- Malnutrition can't get in enough food and nutrients
- <u>Dehydration</u>- deficiency of body water, output greater than input, causes sodium in bloodstream to rise, loose sodium and potassium and need to add back- potato chips, oranges, salted crackers, banana

Suggestions:

- <u>Add</u>- Ice Chips, Toast, Crackers, Pretzels, Boiled Potatoes, Rice, Noodles, Sherbet, Plain Yogurt, Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Angel Food Cake, Ice Cream Broiled, Boiled, Baked, Roasted, or Stewed Chicken without Skin
 - <u>Avoid</u>- Fried Foods, Grease, Fat, Candy, Cookies, Cake, Hot/Spicy Foods, Foods with a strong Odor, eating in a room with odors, too warm, stuffy

What can I do?

- <u>See your Health Care Provider</u>- medicine to control N/V- antiemetic
- <u>See Registered Dietitian</u>- for help as needed
 - o See FFF RD- on line for help-See CLD and FLD
 - See Clear Liquid Diet (CLD)- sip slowly, after tolerated
 - Advance- to Full Liquid Diet
 - o **Eat** small amounts, slow, often
 - o Drink- Cool or Frozen Fluids between Meals, use a straw
- Wear- loose fitting clothes, stay cool, rest after meals sitting up for 1 hour

