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ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis

For use with EpiPen® adrenaline autoinjectors

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Photo

Confirmed allergens:

Family/emergency contact name(s):

_____

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Work Ph: _____

Home Ph: _____

Mobile Ph: _____

Plan prepared by:

Dr: _____

I hereby authorise medications specified on this plan to be administered according to the plan.

Signed:

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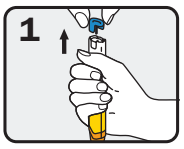
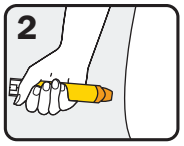
Date: _____

Date of next review: _____

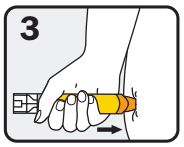
How to give EpiPen®



Form fist around EpiPen® and PULL OFF BLUE SAFETY RELEASE.



PLACE ORANGE END against outer mid-thigh (with or without clothing).



PUSH DOWN HARD until a click is heard or felt and hold in place for 10 seconds.

REMOVE EpiPen®. Massage injection site for 10 seconds.

Instructions are also on the device label and at: www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis

MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- Swelling of lips, face, eyes
- Hives or welts
- Tingling mouth
- Abdominal pain, vomiting (these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy)

ACTION FOR MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- For insect allergy, flick out sting if visible. Do not remove ticks.
- Stay with person and call for help.
- Locate EpiPen® or EpiPen® Jr adrenaline autoinjector.
- Give other medications (if prescribed).....
- Phone family/emergency contact.

Mild to moderate allergic reactions may not always occur before anaphylaxis

Watch for ANY ONE of the following signs of anaphylaxis

ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION)

- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling/tightness in throat
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)

ACTION FOR ANAPHYLAXIS

1. **Lay person flat. Do not allow them to stand or walk. If breathing is difficult allow them to sit.**
2. **Give EpiPen® or EpiPen® Jr adrenaline autoinjector.**
3. **Phone ambulance*: 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ).**
4. **Phone family/emergency contact.**
5. **Further adrenaline doses may be given if no response after 5 minutes, if another adrenaline autoinjector is available.**

If in doubt, give adrenaline autoinjector

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally.

EpiPen® is generally prescribed for adults and children over 5 years.
EpiPen® Jr is generally prescribed for children aged 1-5 years.
*Medical observation in hospital for at least 4 hours is recommended after anaphylaxis.

IF UNCERTAIN WHETHER IT IS ANAPHYLAXIS OR ASTHMA

- Give adrenaline autoinjector FIRST, then asthma reliever.
- If someone with known food or insect allergy suddenly develops severe asthma like symptoms, give adrenaline autoinjector FIRST, then asthma reliever.

Asthma: Y ☐ N ☐ Medication: _____

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