## How to give adrenaline (epinephrine) injectors

#### **EpiPen**®



Form fist around EpiPen® and PULL OFF BLUE SAFETY RELEASE



Hold leg still and PLACE ORANGE END

against outer midthigh (with or without clothing)



until a click is heard or felt and hold in place for 3 seconds REMOVE FniPen®

PUSH DOWN HARD

EpiPen® is prescribed as follows: EpiPen® Jr (150 mcg) for children 7.5-20kg EpiPen® (300 mcg) for children over 20kg and adults

#### Anapen®



PULL OFF BLACK NEEDLE SHIELD



PULL OFF GREY SAFETY CAP from red button





clicks and hold for 3 seconds. REMOVE Anapen®

Anapen® is prescribed as follows: Anapen® 300 for children over 20kg and adults (to cease 09/2024) Anapen® 500 for children and adults over 50kg

# Anaphylaxis

## **SIGNS & SYMPTOMS**

Symptoms are highly variable. Maybe one or more of the following:

- Difficulty talking/hoarse voice.
- Wheeze or persistent cough.
- Pale and floppy (in young children).
- Abdominal pain and vomiting.
- Hives, welts and body redness.
- Signs of envenomation.
- Difficulty/noisy breathing.
- Swelling of face and tongue.
- Swelling/tightness in the throat.
- Persistent dizziness.
- Loss of consciousness/collapse.

## HAZARD = TRIGGERS

- Certain foods.
- Insect stings.
- Tick bites.
- Certain medications.
- Latex.
- Exercise etc.

## RISK = LIFE-THREATENING

- Airway
- Breathing
- Circulatory problems.
- Unconscious.
- Cardiac arrest.

## **ACTIONS FOR ANAPHYLAXIS**

#### Immediate Actions:

- Immediately get someone else to call 000.
- Retrieve the individual's action plan and autoinjector(s).

#### **Allergen Removal**

• Remove Allergens: Flick out stings. Do not remove ticks; kill them using permethrin cream or ether-containing spray.

#### Do Not Stand or Walk: Lay the person flat.

- If unconscious or pregnant, place in the recovery position (left side if pregnant).
- If breathing is difficult, allow sitting with legs outstretched.
- Hold young children flat, not upright.



#### Administer Adrenaline:

- Follow the instructions for the correct size autoinjector/s.
- Inject the autoinjector immediately.
- If no response after 5 minutes, administer another dose.
- If in doubt give the adrenaline injector

#### **If Breathing Stops:**

- Begin CPR if the person is unresponsive
- Oxygen or Asthma Medication: Provide if required.

### **Ensure Safety for Self and Others**



#### **REMOVE ALLERGEN** Or move away, to prevent further exposure.

LAY THE CASUALTY FLAT If breathing is difficult, allow to sit, but keep still.

## **USE AUTOINJECTOR** Check contents and follow label instructions.

## **Call the Ambulance on Triple Zero (000)**

#### MONITOR CLOSELY

Give another dose if condition doesn't improve after 5 minutes.

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