

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: DD / MM / YYYY

Confirmed allergen(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Family/emergency contact(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ (prescriber)  
who authorises medications to be given, as consented by the patient or parent/guardian,  
according to this plan.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: DD / MM / YYYY

Antihistamine: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_

This plan does not expire but review is recommended by: DD / MM / YYYY

This ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions is for people who have allergies but do not have a prescribed adrenaline (epinephrine) device.

## MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTIONS

### SIGNS:

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

**Mild to moderate allergic reactions may not always occur before anaphylaxis**

### ACTIONS:

- Stay with person, call for help
- **Give antihistamine - see above**
- Phone family/emergency contact
- Insect allergy - flick out sting if visible
- Tick allergy - seek medical help or freeze tick and let it drop off

## SIGNS OF ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS)

### Watch for ANY ONE of the following signs:

- Difficult or noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling or tightness in throat
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)
- Abdominal pain, vomiting  
**(these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy)**

## ACTIONS FOR ANAPHYLAXIS

### 1 LAY PERSON FLAT - do NOT allow them to stand or walk

- If unconscious or pregnant, place in recovery position - on left side if pregnant
- If breathing is difficult allow them to sit with legs outstretched
- Hold young children flat, not upright



### 2 GIVE ADRENALINE DEVICE IF AVAILABLE

- 3 Phone ambulance - 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)
- 4 Phone family/emergency contact
- 5 Transfer person to hospital for at least 4 hours of observation

### IF IN DOUBT GIVE ADRENALINE DEVICE

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

Scan for adrenaline device instructions



**ALWAYS GIVE ADRENALINE DEVICE FIRST, then asthma reliever puffer** if someone with known asthma and allergy to food, insects or medication (who may have been exposed to the allergen) has **SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY** (including wheeze, persistent cough or hoarse voice). **Anaphylaxis can occur without skin symptoms.**

If adrenaline is accidentally injected or activated, use another device if available. If adrenaline is accidentally injected contact the local poisons information centre.