ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis

www.allergy.org.au For use with EpiPen® adrenaline autoinjectors Name: _ Date of birth: 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 Photo 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.

Confirmed allergens:

Family/emergency contact name(s):

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:

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

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.

Mild to moderate allergic reactions may not always occur before anaphylaxis

Watch for <u>ANY ONE</u> of the following signs of anaphylaxis

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 N Medication:

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