

# **ACTION PLAN FOR** Anaphylaxis



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

\_ (doctor or nurse practitioner) who

Date: DD / MM / YYYY



# How to give EpiPen<sup>®</sup> adrenaline (epinephrine) injector



Form fist around EpiPen<sup>®</sup> and PULL OFF BLUE SAFETY RELEASE



Hold leg still and 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 3 seconds. REMOVE EpiPen®

Instructions are also on device labels. For video instructions scan this QR code:



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

# MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTIONS

# SIGNS:

Name:

1. \_\_\_\_

2.

Signed:

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

Family/emergency contact(s):

Plan prepared by:\_\_\_\_

- Swelling of lips, face, eyes
- Hives or welts

Antihistamine:

- Tingling mouth
- Abdominal pain, vomiting these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy

Mild to moderate allergic reactions may not always occur before anaphylaxis

- Stay with person, call for help
- Locate adrenaline injector

\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dose:

- 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

Difficulty talking or hoarse voice

# SIGNS OF ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS)

authorises medications to be given, as consented by the parent/guardian, according to this plan.

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

- Difficult or noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling or tightness in throat
- Persistent dizziness or collapse Pale and floppy (young children)
- Wheeze or persistent cough 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 INJECTOR**
- 3 Phone ambulance 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)
- 4 Phone family/emergency contact
- 5 Further adrenaline may be given if no response after 5 minutes
- 6 Transfer person to hospital for at least 4 hours of observation

### IF IN DOUBT GIVE ADRENALINE INJECTOR

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

ALWAYS GIVE ADRENALINE INJECTOR FIRST, and 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) even if there are no skin symptoms.

If adrenaline is accidentally injected, phone your local poisons information centre. Continue to follow this action plan for the person with the allergic reaction.

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

**ACTIONS:**