

EMERGENCY MEDICATION PROCEDURE NESD HEAD START

Emergency medications necessary for a possible reaction to an allergy (bee sting, food) or for asthma will require a doctor's signature and a parent's signature on the "Allergy Action Plan" form.

The "Allergy Action Plan" form includes the following:

- 1) Student's name, date of birth, teacher and the allergy.
- 2) Step 1 Treatment: The physician will specify the appropriate medication to give according to the symptom listed on the form.
- 3) The physician will list the medication, dosage, and the route to give the medication to the child.
- 4) Step 2 Emergency Calls: Phone numbers will be listed on the form for the emergency contacts. Update phone numbers as they change.
- 5) The parent/guardian and the doctor's signatures and dates are required on the "Allergy Action Plan."
- 6) The back of the "Allergy Action Plan" has a place to list trained staff and graphic directions for using an Epi Pen.
- 7) The Head Start Health Coordinator or other trained professional will train the Head Start staff in the proper techniques for the administration, handling and storing of any emergency medication, and staff will sign and date that they have received training on the back of the "Allergy Action Plan".
- 8) These emergency medications will be stored where quickly accessible to staff (unlocked), but out of reach of children. Head Start staff will take the emergency medication with the child to the playground, on field trips, and on the bus route, if child rides the bus, then return it to the Head Start center. The "Allergy Action Plan" will be with the medication and in the child's file at the center. A copy will be sent to the Health Services Coordinator.
- 9) A "Diet Prescription for Meals" form is not required when the "Allergy Action Plan" is required due to a food allergy.
- 10) When the Health Coordinator and the Health/Nutrition Manager are notified of a food allergy requiring an emergency medication, the appropriate signs will be made for the center (example: peanut/tree nut allergy).
- 11) In the event an emergency medication is given, documentation of the event will be made on an "Accident-Incident Report", with a follow-up contact in 24-48 hours.

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Allergy to: _____

 Weight: _____ lbs. Asthma: Yes (higher risk for a severe reaction) No

Please return form to:
 NESD Head Start
 200 S. Harrison St. #1
 Aberdeen, SD 57401
 Phone: (605) 229-4506
 Fax: (605) 226-0196

NOTE: Do not depend on antihistamines or inhalers (bronchodilators) to treat a severe reaction. USE EPINEPHRINE.

Extremely reactive to the following allergens: _____

THEREFORE:

If checked, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was **LIKELY** eaten, for ANY symptoms.

If checked, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was **DEFINITELY** eaten, even if no symptoms are apparent.

FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
SEVERE SYMPTOMS



LUNG

Shortness of breath, wheezing, repetitive cough



HEART

Pale or bluish skin, faintness, weak pulse, dizziness



THROAT

Tight or hoarse throat, trouble breathing or swallowing



MOUTH

Significant swelling of the tongue or lips



SKIN

Many hives over body, widespread redness



GUT

Repetitive vomiting, severe diarrhea



OTHER

Feeling something bad is about to happen, anxiety, confusion

OR A COMBINATION
 of symptoms from different body areas.



1. **INJECT EPINEPHRINE IMMEDIATELY.**
2. **Call 911.** Tell emergency dispatcher the person is having anaphylaxis and may need epinephrine when emergency responders arrive.
 - Consider giving additional medications following epinephrine:
 - » Antihistamine
 - » Inhaler (bronchodilator) if wheezing
 - Lay the person flat, raise legs and keep warm. If breathing is difficult or they are vomiting, let them sit up or lie on their side.
 - If symptoms do not improve, or symptoms return, more doses of epinephrine can be given about 5 minutes or more after the last dose.
 - Alert emergency contacts.
 - Transport patient to ER, even if symptoms resolve. Patient should remain in ER for at least 4 hours because symptoms may return.

MILD SYMPTOMS



NOSE

Itchy or runny nose, sneezing



MOUTH

Itchy mouth



SKIN

A few hives, mild itch



GUT

Mild nausea or discomfort

FOR **MILD SYMPTOMS FROM MORE THAN ONE** SYSTEM AREA, GIVE EPINEPHRINE.

FOR **MILD SYMPTOMS FROM A SINGLE SYSTEM** AREA, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:

1. Antihistamines may be given, if ordered by a healthcare provider.
2. Stay with the person; alert emergency contacts.
3. Watch closely for changes. If symptoms worsen, give epinephrine.

MEDICATIONS/DOSES

Epinephrine Brand or Generic: _____

Epinephrine Dose: 0.15 mg IM 0.3 mg IM

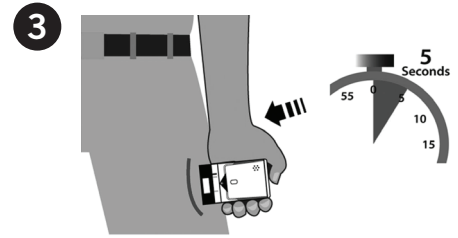
Antihistamine Brand or Generic: _____

Antihistamine Dose: _____

Other (e.g., inhaler-bronchodilator if wheezing): _____

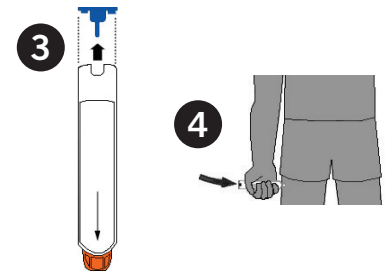
HOW TO USE AUVI-Q® (EPINEPHRINE INJECTION, USP), KALEO

1. Remove Auvi-Q from the outer case.
2. Pull off red safety guard.
3. Place black end of Auvi-Q against the middle of the outer thigh.
4. Press firmly, and hold in place for 5 seconds.
5. Call 911 and get emergency medical help right away.



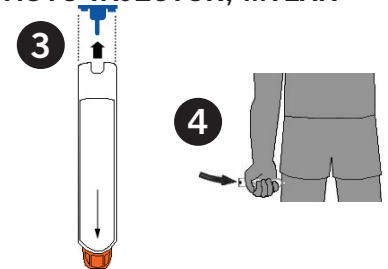
HOW TO USE EPIPEN® AND EPIPEN JR® (EPINEPHRINE) AUTO-INJECTOR, MYLAN

1. Remove the EpiPen® or EpiPen Jr® Auto-Injector from the clear carrier tube.
2. Grasp the auto-injector in your fist with the orange tip (needle end) pointing downward.
3. With your other hand, remove the blue safety release by pulling straight up.
4. Swing and push the auto-injector firmly into the middle of the outer thigh until it 'clicks'.
5. Hold firmly in place for 3 seconds (count slowly 1, 2, 3).
6. Remove and massage the injection area for 10 seconds.
7. Call 911 and get emergency medical help right away.



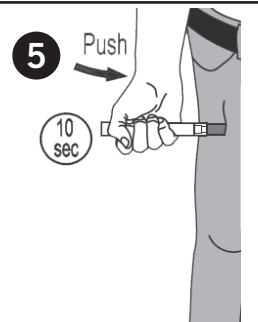
HOW TO USE EPINEPHRINE INJECTION (AUTHORIZED GENERIC OF EPIPEN®), USP AUTO-INJECTOR, MYLAN

1. Remove the epinephrine auto-injector from the clear carrier tube.
2. Grasp the auto-injector in your fist with the orange tip (needle end) pointing downward.
3. With your other hand, remove the blue safety release by pulling straight up.
4. Swing and push the auto-injector firmly into the middle of the outer thigh until it 'clicks'.
5. Hold firmly in place for 3 seconds (count slowly 1, 2, 3).
6. Remove and massage the injection area for 10 seconds.
7. Call 911 and get emergency medical help right away.



HOW TO USE IMPAX EPINEPHRINE INJECTION (AUTHORIZED GENERIC OF ADRENALICK®), USP AUTO-INJECTOR, IMPAX LABORATORIES

1. Remove epinephrine auto-injector from its protective carrying case.
2. Pull off both blue end caps: you will now see a red tip.
3. Grasp the auto-injector in your fist with the red tip pointing downward.
4. Put the red tip against the middle of the outer thigh at a 90-degree angle, perpendicular to the thigh.
5. Press down hard and hold firmly against the thigh for approximately 10 seconds.
6. Remove and massage the area for 10 seconds.
7. Call 911 and get emergency medical help right away.



ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR ALL AUTO-INJECTORS:

1. Do not put your thumb, fingers or hand over the tip of the auto-injector or inject into any body part other than mid-outer thigh. In case of accidental injection, go immediately to the nearest emergency room.
2. If administering to a young child, hold their leg firmly in place before and during injection to prevent injuries.
3. Epinephrine can be injected through clothing if needed.
4. Call 911 immediately after injection.

OTHER DIRECTIONS/INFORMATION (may self-carry epinephrine, may self-administer epinephrine, etc.):

Treat the person before calling emergency contacts. The first signs of a reaction can be mild, but symptoms can worsen quickly.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS — CALL 911

RESCUE SQUAD: _____

DOCTOR: _____ PHONE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ PHONE: _____

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS

NAME/RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE: _____

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PHONE: _____