

Food Allergy Action Plan

Student's Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Teacher: _____



ALLERGY TO: _____

Asthmatic Yes* No *Higher risk for severe reaction

◆ STEP 1: TREATMENT ◆

<u>Symptoms:</u>	<u>Give Checked Medication**:</u> <small>** (To be determined by physician authorizing treatment)</small>
▪ If a food allergen has been ingested, but <i>no symptoms</i> :	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine
▪ Mouth Itching, tingling, or swelling of lips, tongue, mouth	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine
▪ Skin Hives, itchy rash, swelling of the face or extremities	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine
▪ Gut Nausea, abdominal cramps, vomiting, diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine
▪ Throat† Tightening of throat, hoarseness, hacking cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine
▪ Lung† Shortness of breath, repetitive coughing, wheezing	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine
▪ Heart† Weak or thready pulse, low blood pressure, fainting, pale, blueness	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine
▪ Other† _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine
▪ If reaction is progressing (several of the above areas affected), give:	<input type="checkbox"/> Epinephrine <input type="checkbox"/> Antihistamine

†Potentially life-threatening. The severity of symptoms can quickly change.

If nurse is not available, delegate should skip antihistamine & administer adrenalin immediately for symptoms.

DOSAGE

Epinephrine: inject intramuscularly (circle one) EpiPen® EpiPen® Jr. Twinject® 0.3 mg Twinject® 0.15 mg (see reverse side for instructions)

Antihistamine: give _____
medication/dose/route

Other: give _____
medication/dose/route

IMPORTANT: Asthma inhalers and/or antihistamines cannot be depended on to replace epinephrine in anaphylaxis.

◆ STEP 2: EMERGENCY CALLS ◆

1. Call 911 (or Rescue Squad: _____). State that an allergic reaction has been treated, and additional epinephrine may be needed.

2. Dr. _____ Phone Number: _____

3. Parent _____ Phone Number(s) _____

4. Emergency contacts:
 Name/Relationship _____ Phone Number(s) _____

a. _____ 1.) _____ 2.) _____

b. _____ 1.) _____ 2.) _____

EVEN IF PARENT/GUARDIAN CANNOT BE REACHED, DO NOT HESITATE TO MEDICATE OR TAKE CHILD TO MEDICAL FACILITY!

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Doctor's Signature _____ Date _____
(Required)

This child is ___/is not ___ trained and capable of self-administration of emergency allergic anaphylaxis medication.



TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS

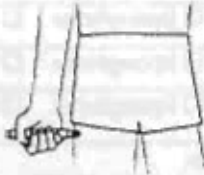
1. _____ Room _____
2. _____ Room _____
3. _____ Room _____

EpiPen® and EpiPen® Jr. Directions

- Pull off gray activation cap.

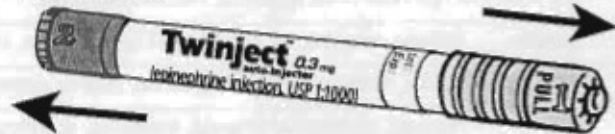


- Hold black tip near outer thigh (always apply to thigh).



- Swing and jab firmly into outer thigh until Auto-Injector mechanism functions. Hold in place and count to 10. Remove the EpiPen® unit and massage the injection area for 10 seconds.

Twinject® 0.3 mg and Twinject® 0.15 mg Directions



- Remove caps labeled "1" and "2."
- Place rounded tip against outer thigh, press down hard until needle penetrates. Hold for 10 seconds, then remove.



SECOND DOSE ADMINISTRATION:

If symptoms don't improve after 10 minutes, administer second dose:

- Unscrew rounded tip. Pull syringe from barrel by holding blue collar at needle base.
- Slide yellow collar off plunger.
- Put needle into thigh through skin, push plunger down all the way, and remove.



Once EpiPen® or Twinject® is used, call the Rescue Squad. Take the used unit with you to the Emergency Room. Plan to stay for observation at the Emergency Room for at least 4 hours.

For children with multiple food allergies, consider providing separate Action Plans for different foods.

**Medication checklist adapted from the Authorization of Emergency Treatment form developed by the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Used with permission.



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