

ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis



_____ Date of birth: DD / MM / YYYY

Confirmed allergen(s): ___ Family/emergency contact(s): _____ Mobile: _____ 2. ____ __ Mobile: ____ Plan prepared by:___ _ (doctor or nurse practitioner) who authorises medications to be given, as consented by the parent/guardian, according to this plan. Date: DD / MM / YYYY Signed: Antihistamine:

ACTIONS:

· Stay with person, call for help

• Give antihistamine - see above

Phone family/emergency contact

freeze tick and let it drop off

· Insect allergy - flick out sting if visible • Tick allergy - seek medical help or

Difficulty talking or hoarse voice

Persistent dizziness or collapse

Pale and floppy (young children)

· Locate adrenaline injector

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

MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTIONS

How to give adrenaline (epinephrine) injectors

EpiPen®

SIGNS:

Name:

Form fist around EpiPen® 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®

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

ACTIONS FOR ANAPHYLAXIS

Difficult or noisy breathing

Swelling or tightness in throat

Wheeze or persistent cough

Swelling of tongue

Swelling of lips, face, eyes

• Abdominal pain, vomiting - these are signs

Mild to moderate allergic reactions may

not always occur before anaphylaxis

Watch for ANY ONE of the following signs:

of anaphylaxis for insect allergy

Hives or welts

Tingling mouth

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

SIGNS OF ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS)

- If breathing is difficult allow them to sit with legs outstretched
- Hold young children flat, not upright











Anapen®

PULL OFF BLACK NEEDLE SHIELD



PULL OFF GREY SAFETY CAP from red button



PLACE NEEDLE END FIRMLY against outer mid-thigh at 90° angle (with or without clothing)



PRESS RED BUTTON so it clicks and hold for 3 seconds. REMOVE Anapen®

Anapen® is prescribed as follows: Anapen® 150 Junior for children 7.5-20kg

Anapen® 300 for children over 20kg and adults Anapen® 500 for children and adults over 50kg

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.