

Food Allergy Action Plan

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



ALLERGY TO: _____

Asthmatic Yes* No *Higher risk for severe reaction

◆ STEP 1: TREATMENT ◆

Symptoms:

- If a food allergen has been ingested, but *no symptoms*:
- Mouth Itching, tingling, or swelling of lips, tongue, mouth
- Skin Hives, itchy rash, swelling of the face or extremities
- Gut Nausea, abdominal cramps, vomiting, diarrhea
- Throat† Tightening of throat, hoarseness, hacking cough
- Lung† Shortness of breath, repetitive coughing, wheezing
- Heart† Thready pulse, low blood pressure, fainting, pale, blueness
- Other† _____
- If reaction is progressing (several of the above areas affected), give

Give Checked Medication**:

** (To be determined by physician authorizing treatment)

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

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: _____ at _____

3. Parents _____ 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 Signature _____ Date _____

Doctor's Signature _____ Date _____

(Required)

TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS

1. _____ Room _____

2. _____ Room _____

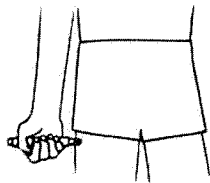
3. _____ Room _____

EpiPen® and EpiPen® Jr. Directions

- Pull off gray activation cap.

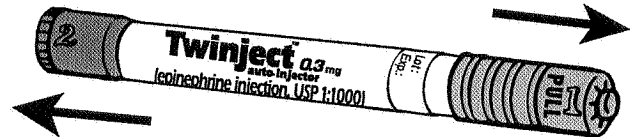


- Hold black tip near outer thigh (always apply to thigh).

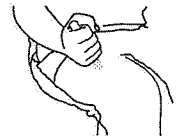


- Swing and jab firmly into outer thigh until Auto-Injector mechanism functions. Hold in place and count to 10. Remove the EpiPen® unit and massage the injection area for 10 seconds.

Twinject™ 0.3 mg and Twinject™ 0.15 mg Directions

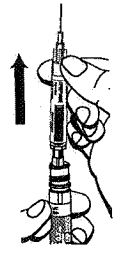


- Pull off green end cap, then red end cap.
- Put gray cap against outer thigh, press down firmly until needle penetrates. Hold for 10 seconds, then remove.



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

- Unscrew gray cap and pull syringe from barrel by holding blue collar at needle base.
- Slide yellow or orange 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.