ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis

For use with adrenaline (epinephrine) injectors

SIGNS OF MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- Swelling of lips, face, eyes
- Hives or welts
- Tingling mouth
- · Abdominal pain, vomiting these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy

ACTION FOR MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- For insect allergy flick out sting if visible
- For tick allergy seek medical help or freeze tick and let it drop off
- · Stay with person, call for help and locate adrenaline injector
- Give antihistamine (if prescribed) _
- Phone family/emergency contact

Mild to moderate allergic reactions (such as hives or swelling) may not always occur before anaphylaxis

WATCH FOR ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS OF ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION)

- Swelling of tongue
- Difficult or noisy breathing
 Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
 - Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Swelling or tightness in throat Pale and floppy (young children)
- Wheeze or persistent cough

ACTION 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, as shown below
- 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 has SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY (including wheeze, persistent cough or hoarse voice) even if there are no skin symptoms

Asthma reliever medication prescribed: Y N

Note: If adrenaline is accidentally injected (e.g. into a thumb) phone your local poisons information centre. Continue to follow this action plan for the person with the allergic reaction.

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Confirmed allergens:

Family/emergency contact name(s):

Photo

1. ____ Mobile Ph: 2._

Mobile Ph: _

Name: _

Date of birth:

Plan prepared by doctor or nurse practitioner (np):

The treating doctor or np hereby authorises medications specified on this plan to be given according to the plan, as consented by the patient or parent/guardian.

Whilst this plan does not expire, review is recommended by DD/MM/YY

Signed: Date: ____

How to give adrenaline injectors

Refer to device label or scan OR code below:



Adrenaline injectors are prescribed as follows:

- 150 mcg for children 7.5-20kg
- 300 mcg for children over 20kg and adults
- · 300 mcg or 500 mcg for children and adults over 50kg

