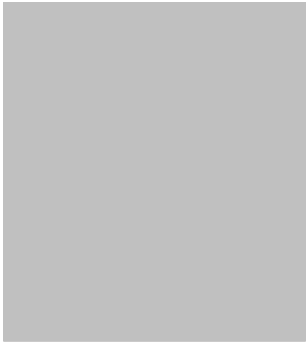


# ACTION PLAN FOR Drug (Medication) Allergy



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_



Confirmed allergens:

Family/emergency contact name(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

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, including use of adrenaline if available.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

## SIGNS OF MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- Swelling of lips, face, eyes
- Hives or welts
- Sudden onset sneezing, rhinitis
- Tingling mouth
- Abdominal pain, vomiting

## ACTION FOR MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- Stay with person and call for help
- Locate adrenaline (epinephrine) injector (if available)
- 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)

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

## 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 IF AVAILABLE

### 3 Phone ambulance - 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)

### 4 Phone family/emergency contact

### 5 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