## Important Adrenaline autoinjector information

- The Adrenaline autoinjector and the antihistamine medication needs to be available for the child at all times.
- Get a new Adrenaline autoinjector before the current one expires
- Take used or old autoinjectors to a health centre for safe disposal.
- The Adrenaline dose in the autoinjector will need to be increased when your child reaches 30 kg in weight.

### **Useful websites**

Anaphylaxis Campaign anaphylaxis.org.uk

Allergy UK
allergyuk.org.uk

Allergy Bracelets mediband.co.uk

Adrenaline Autoinjectors alk-lifeline.co.uk

## **Professional Contacts**

Consultant
Telephone
E-mail GP
Telephone  E-mail
Allergy nurse specialist
Telephone
E-mail
School Nurse
Telephone
E-mail

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### **ALLERGY ACTION PLAN**

TO USE WITH ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTOR

Name	
Date of birth	
THIS PERSON IS ALLERGIC TO	
ASTHMA Yes No	
Address	
Postcode:	
Emergency contact tel	
Allergy plan prepared by	
Signed	
Date	

#### Mild/ Moderate Reaction

Itchy hives / nettle rash or flush

Tingling / itchy mouth or lips

Mild wheeze

### Action To Take



Give antihistamine medication

Dose:

mg

- If wheezing, give 10 puffs of blue inhaler (Salbutamol) with mask and spacer
- Get someone to call emergency contact
- Make sure Adrenaline autoinjector available if progresses to severe reaction (see red box on the right)
- Do not leave child alone, watch progress
- If no improvement repeat antihistamine dose in 30 minutes and seek medical help

#### **Severe Reaction**

- ⚠ Difficulty breathing/ tight chest/ noisy breathing/ severe wheeze/ persistent cough
- ▲ Swelling of tongue
- ⚠ Difficulty talking or swallowing / hoarse voice
- Dizziness or collapse/loss of consciousness

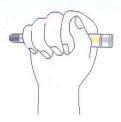
#### **Action To Take**



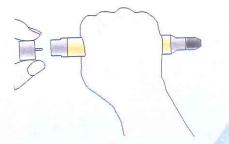
- Keep child lying down on a flat surface with legs up the whole time
- Give Adrenaline injection\*
- Get someone to call 999 and say the problem is ANAPHYLAXIS (ANA-FI-LAX-IS)
- If wheezing give 10 puffs of blue inhaler (Salbutamol) with mask and spacer
- Do not leave child alone, watch progress
- If no improvement after 5 minutes, give 2nd Adrenaline injection
- If stops breathing or there is no pulse, start basic life support
- The child needs to be seen in hospital as soon as possible and observed for >4 hrs

# How to use Adrenaline autoinjector

Grasp Adrenaline autoinjector in dominant hand, with thumb closest to safety cap



With other hand remove safety cap



Jab black tip firmly into outer thigh until it clicks. Hold in for 10 seconds.



Massage the injection site for 10 seconds

Adrenaline is unlikely to cause harm. If in doubt, use it.