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ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis

For use with adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjectors Name: __ Date of birth: SIGNS OF MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION Swelling of lips, face, eyes Tingling mouth • Hives or welts • Abdominal pain, vomiting (these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy) Photo 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 and call for help Locate adrenaline autoinjector Confirmed allergens: Give other medications (if prescribed)..... Phone family/emergency contact Family/emergency contact name(s): Mild to moderate allergic reactions (such as hives or swelling) may not always occur before anaphylaxis Work Ph: WATCH FOR ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS OF Home Ph: ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION) Mobile Ph: Plan prepared by medical or nurse practitioner: Difficult/noisy breathing Difficulty talking and/or Swelling of tongue hoarse voice I hereby authorise medications specified on this Swelling/tightness in throat • Persistent dizziness or collapse plan to be administered according to the plan • Wheeze or persistent cough Pale and floppy (young children) Signed: **ACTION FOR ANAPHYLAXIS** Date: Action Plan due for review - date: 1 Lay person flat - do NOT allow them to stand or walk - If unconscious, place in recovery position How to give EpiPen® - If breathing is difficult adrenaline (epinephrine) allow them to sit autoinjectors 2 Give adrenaline autoinjector

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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 for children over 20kg and adults. EpiPen®Jr is prescribed for children 10-20kg

- 3 Phone ambulance 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)
- **4** Phone family/emergency contact
- **5** Further adrenaline doses 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 autoinjector

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally

ALWAYS give adrenaline autoinjector 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

If adrenaline is accidentally injected (e.g. into a thumb) follow this action plan if a person has anaphylaxis and phone your local poisons information centre

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