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Allergic Reactions



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Note: The ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions is for people with mild to moderate allergies, who need to avoid certain allergens.

For people with severe allergies (and at risk of anaphylaxis) there are ASCIA Action Plans for Anaphylaxis, which include adrenaline autoinjector instructions.

Instructions are also on the device label and at:

www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis

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. Do not remove ticks.
- · Stay with person and call for help.
- Give other medications (if prescribed)......
- · Phone family/emergency contact.

Mild to moderate allergic reactions may not always occur before anaphylaxis

Watch for ANY ONE of the following signs of anaphylaxis

ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION)

- Difficult/noisy breathing
- · Swelling of tongue
- Swelling/tightness in throat
- · Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- · Wheeze or persistent cough
- 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 breathing is difficult allow them to sit.
- 2 Give adrenaline autoinjector if available.
- 3 Phone ambulance*: 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ).
- 4 Phone family/emergency contact.

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally. *Medical observation in hospital for at least 4 hours is recommended after anaphylaxis.

IF UNCERTAIN WHETHER IT IS ANAPHYLAXIS OR ASTHMA

- · Give adrenaline autoinjector FIRST, then asthma reliever.
- If someone with known food or insect allergy suddenly develops severe asthma like symptoms, give adrenaline autoinjector FIRST, then asthma reliever.

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