

Prescribing Memo

Use of Adrenaline/Epinephrine 1:1000 for the Treatment of Anaphylaxis

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Main Points

Anaphylaxis is an extreme and severe allergic reaction that can occur as a result of exposure to any substance which causes an allergic reaction (an allergen).

The reaction can occur within minutes of exposure, but sometimes after hours.

Anaphylactic reactions can occur as a result of vaccination or administration of any drug.

If a patient experiences an anaphylactic reaction, then treatment must be administered immediately, using an Adrenaline / Epinephrine 1 in 1000 injection (e.g. Epipen, Jext).

This treatment does not require any legal authorisation (e.g. Prescription, Patient Group Direction, Patient Specific Direction) and should not be delayed for any reason.