

Carrying EpiPen[®] (epinephrine) Auto-Injector On-Board Commercial Airplanes

Patients have been inquiring as to whether any restrictions are placed on carrying EpiPen[®] auto-injectors on board commercial airlines.

On April 30, 2002, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued an updated list of items that passengers are permitted to bring into an airplane cabin. According to the TSA list, passengers are permitted to bring syringes containing medication provided that the syringe features a professionally printed label identifying the medication or the manufacturer's name. Dey, L.P. still recommends, however, that you carry additional documentation (such as a doctor's note outlined below and the prescription label from the pharmacy) until airport/airline personnel become fully aware of the updated TSA list.

***Sample Letter for Carrying EpiPen® (epinephrine) Auto-Injectors
On-Board Commercial Airlines***

Date

To Whom It May Concern:

_____ is a _____ who suffers from a life threatening
Patient Full Name Age/Gender
allergy to _____. This is a severe
List Specific Allergens

allergic reaction that makes it medically necessary for _____ to carry an EpiPen® at all
Him/Her

times. EpiPen® is an auto-injector that provides a single dose of epinephrine to help stop the
allergic reaction until the patient can obtain emergency medical attention. EpiPen® is only
available by prescription. _____ should have this life
Patient Name

saving medication with _____ at all times, especially when traveling away
Him/Her

from home. In the event of an exposure to even a minute amount of _____
List Allergen(s)

a severe allergic reaction may occur. Every minute can be critical in using this medication to
treat the allergic reaction. Use of the EpiPen® can be life saving. Please allow

_____ to have the EpiPen® Auto-Injector(s) with _____ on board the
Patient Name Him/Her

plane.

Respectfully signed,

_____, M.D.

M.D. Office Stamp