How to use an EPIPEN® (epinephrine injection, USP) Auto-Injector

When receiving an EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR® Auto-injector and before you need to use your auto-injector, check the auto-injector to make sure the blue safety top is not raised. If the blue safety top is raised, the auto-injector should not be used because the device could activate by accident. Do not try to push the blue safety top back down. Put the auto-injector back in the protective case and replace it with a new EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR Auto-Injector.

Do not use the medicine if it is discolored (pinkish or brown color) or if the medicine has particles floating in it.

1 PREPARE

Remove the auto-injector from the clear protective case. Flip open the yellow cap of your EPIPEN or the green cap of your EPIPEN JR protective case. Tip and slide the auto-injector out of the protective case.

Hold the auto-injector in your fist with the orange end pointing downward. BLUE TO THE SKY, ORANGE END TO THE THIGH®.

With your other hand, remove the blue safety top by pulling straight up and away. Do not flip the blue safety top off using a thumb or by pulling it sideways or bending and twisting. This may cause the device to accidentally activate.

The blue safety top is a small part that may become a choking hazard for children, therefore it should be thrown away immediately after using EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR.

2 ADMINISTER

If you are administering to a young child, hold the leg firmly in place while administering an injection.

Place the orange end against the middle of the outer thigh (upper leg) at a 90 degree right angle (perpendicular) to the thigh.

Swing and push the auto-injector firmly (through clothing if necessary) until you hear a “Pop” sound. The “Pop” sound signals that the injection has started.

Push down hard against the leg and hold firmly in place for 3 seconds (count slowly 1, 2, 3).

Remove the auto-injector from the thigh. The orange end will extend to cover the needle. If the needle is still visible, do not attempt to reuse it.

3 GET EMERGENCY MEDICAL HELP RIGHT AWAY

After injecting EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR, get emergency medical help right away. You can use a second EpiPen or EpiPen Jr auto-injector if symptoms continue or come back.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (the following information applies to both EPIPEN and its Authorized Generic)

EPIPEN® (epinephrine injection, USP) 0.3 mg and EPIPEN JR® (epinephrine injection, USP) 0.15 mg Auto-Injectors are used to treat allergic emergencies (anaphylaxis). Anaphylaxis can be life threatening and happen within minutes. If untreated, anaphylaxis can cause death. This allergic emergency can be caused by stinging and biting insects, allergy injections, foods, medicines, exercise, or unknown causes.

Always carry 2 EPIPEN or 2 EPIPEN JR Auto-Injectors with you because sometimes a single dose of epinephrine may not be enough to treat a serious allergic reaction before seeking medical care.

When you have an allergic emergency (anaphylaxis), use EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injectors right away. Get emergency medical help right away even if you have used the EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injector. You can use a second EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injector if symptoms continue or if the first auto-injector is activated. If you need more than 2 doses for an allergic emergency, they must be given by a healthcare provider.

Please see additional Important Safety Information and Indications on the back. Click here for Full Prescribing Information and Patient Information, including Instructions for Use.
IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (Continued)

Before you use EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injectors, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions if you have heart problems with high blood pressure, diabetes, thyroid problems, asthma, a history of depression, Parkinson’s disease, are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. Tell your healthcare provider about all of your known allergies. If you have certain medical conditions, or take certain medicines, your condition may get worse, or you may have longer lasting side effects when you use your EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injector.

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take certain asthma medicines. EPIPEN and EPIPEN JR and other medicines may affect the way other medicines work.

Other medicines may affect how EPIPEN and EPIPEN JR auto-injector works.

EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injector should be injected into the middle of your outer thigh (upper leg), through clothing if necessary. Do not inject into your veins, buttocks, fingers, toes, hands or feet. It is very important that you hold the EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injector down firmly on the middle of the outer thigh for at least 3 full seconds. If you do not hold it in place long enough, the EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injector might not have time to deliver the correct dose of medicine.

If you accidentally inject EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injectors into any place other than the middle of your outer thigh, go to the nearest emergency room right away. If you inject a young child, hold their leg firmly in place before and during the 3 second injection to prevent injuries.

Rarely, patients who have used EPIPEN or EPIPEN JR auto-injectors may get infections at the injection site within a few days. Some of these infections can be serious. Call your healthcare professional right away if you have any of the following at an injection site: redness that does not go away, swelling, tenderness, or the area feels warm to the touch.

Common side effects include fast, irregular or “pounding” heartbeat, sweating, nausea or vomiting, breathing problems, paleness, dizziness, weakness, shakiness, headache, feelings of over excitement, nervousness or anxiety. These side effects may go away with rest. Tell your healthcare professional if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see the full Prescribing Information and Patient Information for EPIPEN.

Please see the full Prescribing Information and Patient Information for the Authorized Generic for EPIPEN.

INDICATIONS (the following information applies to both EPIPEN and its Authorized Generic)

EPIPEN® and EPIPEN JR® Auto-Injectors are used to treat life-threatening, allergic emergencies in people who are at risk for or have a history of serious allergic emergencies. EPIPEN and EPIPEN JR are for immediate administration by you or your caregiver. They do not take the place of emergency medical care. You should get emergency help right away after using your EPIPEN of EPIPEN JR.

NOTE: This “How to Use” document is intended to provide an overview and basic information about the EPIPEN Auto-Injector and does not replace the Instructions for Use.

Click here for full Prescribing Information and Patient Information, including instructions for Use for EPIPEN.

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