

# Patient Assessment Tool

To help determine your patient's risk of anaphylaxis, check all the boxes that apply to them.

## The reaction occurred after exposure to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanuts   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Soya  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mustard       | <input type="checkbox"/> Latex    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Nuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Sesame    | <input type="checkbox"/> Egg   | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Stings | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish      | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication    |                                   |

## The reaction included the following symptoms:

- MOUTH:** itching, swelling of the lips and/or tongue
- THROAT\*:** itching, tightness, closure, hoarseness
- SKIN:** itching, hives, redness, swelling
- GUT:** vomiting, diarrhea, cramps
- LUNG\*:** shortness of breath, cough, wheeze
- HEART\*:** weak pulse, dizziness, passing out (due to low blood pressure)

If you have checked off at least one box in each section, this patient could be at risk for anaphylaxis.

## Please note that the risk is higher if the patient:

- Has had a previous reaction (even if mild)
- Has asthma



The severity of previous anaphylactic reactions does not determine the severity of future reactions.

### Indications and Clinical Use:

- EpiPen® and EpiPen Jr® (epinephrine) Auto-Injectors are indicated for the emergency treatment of anaphylactic reactions in patients who are determined to be at increased risk for anaphylaxis, including individuals with a history of anaphylactic reactions.
- Select dose according to patient's body weight.
- Inject into the outer thigh.
- Following treatment of anaphylaxis, the patient must call 911.

\* Some symptoms can be life-threatening. The EpiPen® Auto-Injector is not indicated to prevent death associated with anaphylaxis.



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There are no absolute contraindications to the use of epinephrine in a life-threatening allergic situation.

**Relevant Warnings and Precautions:**

- Avoid use of epinephrine in patients with cardiogenic, traumatic, or hemorrhagic shock; cardiac dilation; cerebral arteriosclerosis; organic brain damage, and narrow-angle glaucoma
- Use with caution in patients with cardiac arrhythmias; coronary artery or organic heart disease; hypertension and hyperthyroidism
- Sulfite sensitivity
- Diabetes
- Parkinson's disease
- Not intended as a substitute for immediate medical care, the patient should seek immediate medical or hospital care
- More than two sequential doses of epinephrine should only be administered under direct medical supervision
- The patient/carer should be informed about the possibility of biphasic anaphylaxis
- Epinephrine should only be injected into the anterolateral aspect of the thigh. Hold child's leg firmly during injection.
- Suboptimal effect in patients with a thick subcutaneous fat layer
- Injection site infections

**For More Information:**

Please consult the prescribing information at [www.pfizer.ca/pm/en/EPIPEN.pdf](http://www.pfizer.ca/pm/en/EPIPEN.pdf) for more information relating to adverse reactions, drug interactions, and dosing information, which has not been discussed in this advertisement. The prescribing information is also available by calling **1-800-463-6001**.

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