Adult Allergy Action Plan



Mild to Moderate Symptoms

- nettle rash (known as hives or urticaria) anywhere on the body
- a tingling or itchy feeling in the mouth swelling of lips, face or eyes
- stomach pain or vomiting

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ACTION:

- stay where you are and call for help if necessary
- locate adrenaline auto-injectors
- take antihistamine
- watch for any of the ABC symptoms below

Watch for signs of **ANAPHYLAXIS** (life-threatening allergic reaction). Anaphylaxis may occur without skin symptoms. Always consider anaphylaxis in someone who has a known allergy and has **SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY**.

Airways

- swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways (tightening of the throat)
- hoarse voice
- difficulty swallowing)

Breathing

- sudden onset wheezing
- breathing difficulty
- noisy breathing

Circulation

- dizziness
- feeling faint
- sudden sleepiness
- tiredness
- confusion
- pale clammy skin
- loss of consciousness.

If ANY ONE (or more) of these signs are present:

- 1. Lie flat with legs raised (if breathing is difficult, can sit up).
- 2. Administer an adrenaline auto-injector without delay (e.g. EpiPen, Jext, Emerade).
- 3. Dial 999 for an ambulance and say "ANAPHYLAXIS (ANA-FIL-AXIS)".

IF IN DOUBT, give adrenaline

After giving adrenaline:

- 1. Stay where you are until ambulance arrives, **do NOT stand up.**
- 2. Phone emergency contact.
- 3. If no improvement after 5 minutes, a second adrenaline auto-injector should be used.
- 4. Commence CPR if there are no signs of life.

There are three different brands of adrenaline auto-injectors in the UK



lext



EpiPen



Emerade

How to administer each device varies by brand, please follow the instructions on the device