

PROTOCOL FOR TEACHERS TO ADMINISTER ADRENALINE INJECTIONS TO STUDENTS

The Medicines Adverse Reactions Committee feels it would be valuable for adrenaline to be held at school for students known to be at risk from allergic reactions.

Where this is requested it should be dealt with on an individual basis.

This protocol is for teachers and caregivers to follow when the caregivers request the school to hold an emergency supply of adrenaline and syringes for administration to a student for allergic reactions.

To ensure availability of a person to administer adrenaline if needed, it is felt at least two people need to be instructed in its administration.

Caregiver Responsibilities

The caregiver should give prior written consent for the authorised personnel to administer the injection.

The caregiver should arrange for these persons to discuss their role with the general practitioner, who should instruct them in administration of the adrenaline and be aware that a supply is kept at the school and that they may have to administer it.

The caregiver should be responsible for obtaining the medicine and ensuring that supplies kept at the school are in date.

School Responsibilities

The adrenaline and syringe should be kept in a secure place which ensures they are protected from heat, light and moisture, and access is available only to the authorised personnel.

The adrenaline and syringe should be labelled with the name of the student it is for.

Teacher Responsibilities

A record should be kept for each student which records:

- The written caregiver consent
- The GP training of the authorised personnel
- Instructions for administration and dose
- Date of administration and signature of administrator
- Date supply delivered to school
- Expiry date of current supply
- Details of the caregiver to contact when a dose of adrenaline is administered. (To inform the caregivers that the student has had an injection and to signal that more adrenaline and/or syringes may be necessary.)