Anaphylaxis – Emergency Department



Anaphylaxis is suspected when ONE of the following 3 criteria are fulfilled following possible allergen exposure Acute onset of symptoms with involvement of the skin, mucosal tissue, or both Criteria 1 AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: Respiratory compromise Reduced BP or associated symptoms of endorgan dysfunction Persistent GI symptoms, significant abdominal pain and/or significant vomiting Two or more of the following that occur rapidly after exposure to a **POSSIBLE ALLERGEN** for that patient: Criteria 2 Respiratory compromise Reduced BP or associated symptoms Persistent gastrointestinal symptoms Criteria 3 Reduced BP after exposure to KNOWN ALLERGEN for

Inclusion Criteria

Suspected anaphylaxis

Exclusion Criteria

Blood transfusion reactions that are not anaphylaxis

-Symptoms clearly attributable to other causes

Does clinical judgement support anaphylaxis?

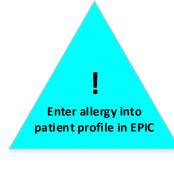
Consider other causes/disease processes

STOP ALL INFUSING FEEDS, IV FLUIDS, and/or MEDICATIONS

Administer
EPINEPHRINE
0.01 mg/kg IM
(1 mg/mL)
(max 0.5 mg)
in anterolateral thigh

Labs to consider:

- Glucose
- BMP
- Tryptase (must be drawn within 1 hour of anaphylaxis
- Place on full cardiac monitor
- Monitor vital signs every 5 minutes
- Place patient supine if tolerated
- Avoid sudden changes in position, especially to standing
- Administer O2 to keep O2 saturation >90%
- If MAP < 5th percentile, place IV and administer 20ml/kg NS bolus and consider vasoactive infusion
 - MAP=40 + 1.5 (age in years); 5th %ile >13yo: use MAP >60 If bronchospasm administer albuterol per medication table



Improved?

Consider famotidine (H2 blocker) NOT improved after 5 minutes?

Administer epinephrine 0.01 mg/kg (1 mg/mL) IM (max 0.5mg) in anterolateral thigh

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- Place IV (if not previously done)
- Diphenhydramine IV or PO (if able to tolerate)
- Famotidine IV
- Methylprednisolone IV
- Glucagon

Reassess/Evaluate for risk factors:

- History of biphasic or severe reaction
- History of asthma or wheezing/current asthma exacerbation
- Progression of/or persistent symptoms
- Time from exposure to symptom onset delayed > 1 hour or unknown
- Hypotension during ED stay
- Upper airway obstruction/stridor

If the patient is positive for one of the above risk factors, consider admission or longer observation

Go to ED
Disposition

Improved?

Administer epinephrine 0.01 mg/ kg

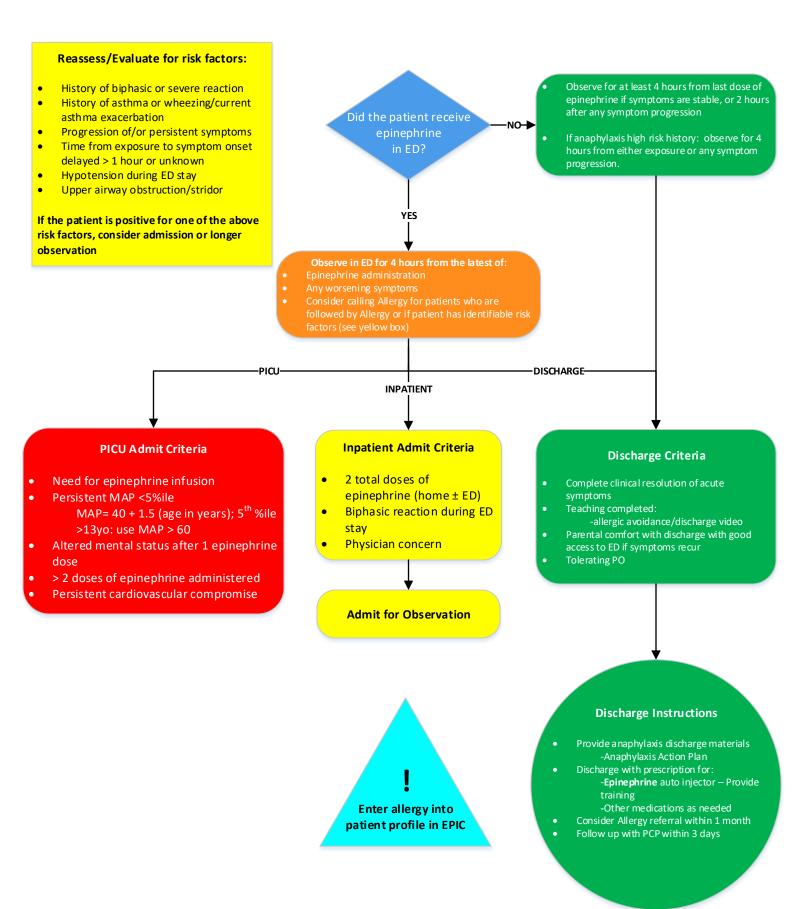
NOT Improved?

- (1 mg/mL) IM (max 0.5mg) in anterolateral thigh
- Repeat every 5 minutes as needed (can give more frequently if symptoms are severe)
- Start epinephrine infusion after 3rd
 IM dose
- Notify PICU Fellow/Attending
- Admit to PICU
- Consider other causes/disease processes

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Anaphylaxis – Emergency Department Disposition





Anaphylaxis – Inpatient Pathway





Inclusion Criteria
Suspected anaphylaxis

Exclusion Criteria

-Blood transfusion reactions that are no anaphylaxis -Symptoms clearly attributable to other Order epinephrine
0.01 mg/kg IM
(1 mg/mL)
(anterolateral thigh)
PRN (max 0.5 mg) for all
observation admissions for
anaphylaxis and for documented
IgE-mediated food allergy AND history
of severe reaction or anaphylaxis

Does clinical judgement
by care team support
anaphylaxis?

Consider other
causes/disease
processes

STOP ALL INFUSING FEEDS, IV FLUIDS, and/or MEDICATIONS

YES

Anaphylaxis is suspected when ONE of the following 3 criteria are fulfilled within 2-3 hours following possible allergen exposure

Acute onset of symptoms with involvement of the skin, mucosal tissue, or both AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Persistent GI symptoms, significant abdominal pain and/or significant vomiting

Two or more of the following that occur rapidly after exposure to a POSSIBLE ALLERGEN for that patient:

Persistent GI symptoms, significant abdominal pain and/or significant vomiting

Acute onset of symptoms with involvement of the skin, mucosal tissue on the symptoms of end or organ dysfunction or persistent abdominal pain and/or significant vomiting

Acute onset of symptoms of end organ dysfunction or persistent GI symptoms, significant abdominal pain and/or significant vomiting

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Reduced BP after exposure to

Criteria 3

Do es pt. meet one of the above criteria?

NO

Consider other causes/disease processes

KNOWN ALLERGEN for that patient

Call
CODE Team
Administer
Epinephrine IM

- Epinephrine 0.01 mg/kg (1 mg/mL) IM (max 0.5 mg) in anterolateral thigh
- May repeat every 5-15 minutes as indicated or more frequently if severe symptoms continue
- Consider transfer to IMU/PICU after 2 doses of epinephrine

Anaphylaxis – Inpatient Ongoing Management Pathway



Reassess/Evaluate for risk factors:

- History of biphasic or severe reaction
- History of asthma or wheezing/current asthma exacerbation
- Progression of/or persistent symptoms
- Time from exposure to symptom onset delayed > 1 hour or unknown
- Hypotension during ED stay
- Upper airway obstruction/stridor

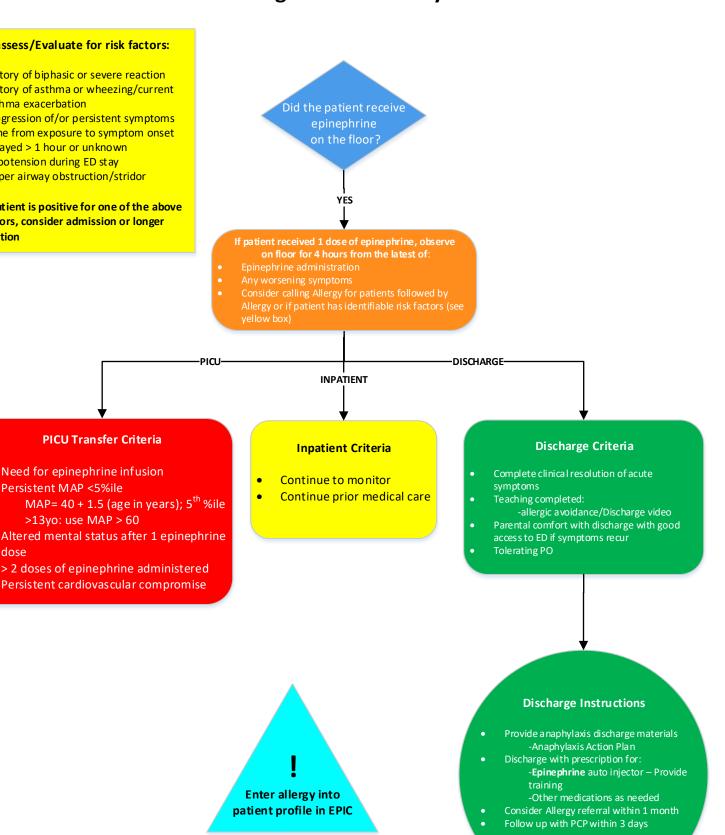
If the patient is positive for one of the above risk factors, consider admission or longer observation

PICU Transfer Criteria

Need for epinephrine infusion

>13yo: use MAP > 60

Persistent MAP <5%ile





MAP Table

Age (year)	MAP 5 th %tile
0	40
1	42
2	43
3	45
4	46
5	48
6	49
7	51
8	52
9	54
10	55
11	57
12	58
13	60
≥ 14	≥ 60

Medications



Highlighted medications = medication of choice

Epinephrine Dosing – Intramuscular (IM in anterolateral thigh) Administration		
Medication	Dose	
Epinephrine IM (1 mg/mL)	0.01 mg/kg (max dose 0.5 mg)	

Epinephrine is the PRIMARY treatment for Anaphylaxis!

All other medications are supportive. In the event of emergency, Epinephrine IM is available in the Emergency Drug Box.

Albuterol Weight-Based Dosing			
Kg	Unit Dose (0.5%)	MDI Puffs	Continuous
< 5 kg	1.25 mg	2	5 mg/hr
5-10 kg	2.5 mg	4	7.5 mg/hr
10-20 kg	2.5 mg	6	10 mg/hr
>20 kg	5 mg	8	15 mg/hr

Vasopressor	Starting Dose
Epinephrine	0.05 – 0.1 mcg/kg/min
Norepinephrine	0.05 – 0.1 mcg/kg/min

Glucose Elevating Agents	Dose	Comments
Glucagon < 20 kg	0.5 mg	May repeat in 15 minutes if no
		response
Glucagon ≥ 20 kg	1 mg	May repeat in 15 minutes if no
		response

Corticosteroids	Route	Mg/kg	Max	Comments
			Dose	
Methylprednisolone	IV	2 mg/kg	60 mg	
Prednisolone	PO	2 mg/kg	60 mg	
Prednisone	PO	2 mg/kg	60 mg	
Dexamethasone	РО	0.3 mg/kg	8 mg	Prednisone/prednisolone alternative
				No second dose required

Antihistamines	Route	Dose
Diphenhydramine	IV/PO	1 mg/kg (max 50 mg)
Cetirizine	PO	6-23 months
		2.5 mg/day
		2-5 years
		5 mg/day
		>6 years
		10 mg/day
Famotidine	IV	0.25 mg/kg Q12 hours
		(max 40 mg)
Famotidine	PO	0.5 mg/kg/day up to 40 kg then 20-40
		mg daily
		(max 40 mg)



Metrics

I. Increase the percent of patients receiving epinephrine PRN who present with anaphylaxis (if not administered at home) fromX toY by December 31, 2021.
2. Increase the percentage of patients discharged within 24 hours for the diagnosis of anaphylaxis fromX toY by December 31, 2021.
3. Decrease the amount of time from recognition of anaphylaxis to administration of epinephrine romX toY by December 31, 2021.



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