

Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce Inc. Nursing Manual	DIVISION: Nursing CATEGORY: Medications	POLICY NO: 41-M-01
ISSUED BY: Executive Director	SUBJECT: Administration of Epinephrine- Medical Directive	PAGE NO: 1 of 1

POLICY: The Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce will have a medical directive for the administration of Epinephrine by a Registered Nurse in the event of anaphylaxis of a patient, volunteer or employee.

DEFINITION OF ANAPHYLAXIS: A sudden, severe allergic reaction to a drug, a foreign substance, a toxin, a bee sting, a food item or an animal serum.

SYMPTOMS: Dyspnea, facial or generalized edema, rapid decrease in blood pressure, pallor, cyanosis, weak and rapid, thready pulse, loss of consciousness, choking sensation, convulsions, diaphoresis.

PROCEDURE:

- RN to assess person for presence of symptoms.
- Follow the procedure of the Medical Directives for the administration of Epinephrine.
- It is the responsibility of the user to reorder/replace the used ampoule.
- Document the events leading up to, and including the resolution of, the event precipitating the need for intervention.

MEDICAL DIRECTIVE:

- Adult Dose - Give Epinephrine 1:1000, 0.5 cc, subcutaneously q 5 minutes X 3 doses if necessary.
- Paediatric dose: 0.1 – 0.3ml s/c for every 20 lbs. (q 20 minutes x 3 for severe reaction.)
- Have a second employee call 911 and transport to hospital when ambulance arrives.
- To be given by an RN only, based on assessed need.

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