# Epinephrine Injection: The quick, easy-to-use shot

that could save lives.\*

It's not the last resort!



### Is Epinephrine?

Also known as adrenaline, epinephrine is a hormone our body makes naturally, and it is used to treat severe or life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis can occur after exposure to allergens such as: Medications

 Insect stings • Food

## WHEN When to Use Epinephrine

At the first sign of a severe allergic reaction. Signs of a reaction include:

- Difficulty swallowing or drooling because you can't swallow
- Coughing, difficulty breathing or chest tightness
- Repeated vomiting or significant abdominal pain

# **HOW** to Use an Epinephrine Injector\*

Hold the auto-injector tightly in a fist. Remove the blue safety cap from the top end.

Place the orange end of the device against the middle of the outer thigh and push firmly.

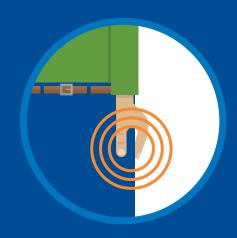
Keep the pen pressed firmly against the thigh for 3 seconds.

Remove pen and massage the injection area.









stAlways follow the manufacturer's instructions for the specific injector you are using.



#### **AFTER USE**

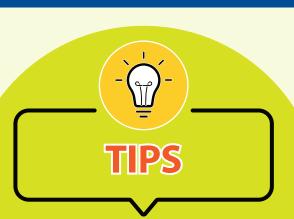
- Get emergency medical help right away
- Make sure a second injection is nearby; if symptoms continue or come back within 10–15 minutes, you may need another dose
- Take (or give your child) an antihistamine



#### TYPES OF EPINEPHRINE

**Common brands include:** 

- EpiPen® Auto-Injector
- EpiPen<sup>®</sup> Jr. Auto-Injector



- Carry two auto-injectors with you at all times
- You can inject through your clothing
- Epinephrine is a very safe medicine. If you think you need it, use it.

\*This applies to EpiPen and generic epinephrine autoinjectors made by Viatris and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.

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