2.02 ALLERGIC REACTION -

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BLS Treatment – ALL Allergic Reactions

- Position of comfort.
- NPO
- Oxygen as indicated.
- May help patient administer their personal EpiPen autoinjector or equivalent product.
- If patient does not have a personal autoinjector, give IM EpiPen autoinjector or equivalent product for suspected anaphylaxis and/or severe asthma if EMT has been trained.
- If EMT trained and accredited to use Draw-up technique, administer IM Epinephrine injection

ALS Treatment - SPECIFIC Allergic Reactions

MILD ALLERGIC REACTION

Hives, rash and/or itching

• Diphenhydramine

ANAPHYLAXIS (SYSTEMIC REACTION) WITHOUT SHOCK

Normal blood pressure with any 2 body systems involved, such as: hives, rash, wheezing, cough, chest tightness, stridor, grunting, swallowing difficulty and/or throat tightness, lip/facial swelling, anxiousness, abdominal cramping, nausea/vomiting.

- IM Epinephrine
- Establish IV/IO Normal Saline TKO
- Diphenhydramine
- Albuterol for wheezing

ANAPHYLAXIS WITH SHOCK

Low blood pressure with signs of hypoperfusion, such as: altered mental status, agitation, restlessness, somnolence, poor skin signs (pale, cool, diaphoretic, and/or cyanotic), low SpO2, delayed or poor capillary refill.

• Same treatments as in Anaphylaxis Without Shock but if no response to IM Epinephrine and fluid bolus, administer IV/IO Epinephrine infusion.

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