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| Anaphylaxis Policy & Procedure | Last Revision: | October 2016 |
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POLICY

Drug sensitivity is questioned prior to administering any medication in order to prevent anaphylaxis. First dose should be administered with MD present unless approved otherwise. An RN administers immediate treatment based on the following procedure. The patient is then immediately referred to a physician

PROCEDURE

1. Definition: a generalized life threatening allergic reaction.
2. Etiology: drug.
3. Findings:
   1. Subjective-itching, sensation of warmth, apprehension, and SOB.
   2. Objective- edema, pupil dilation, cyanosis, wheezing, weak and rapid pulse, respiratory distress, decreased blood pressure.
4. Treatment Plan requires physicians order of medication and it’s administration.
   1. Mild anaphylaxis (urticaria, rhinitis, conjunctivitis, mild bronchospasm)

administer Benadryl 50mg IM

* 1. Moderate anaphylaxis (generalized urticaria, angioedema, hypotension,

early laryngeal edema, BP below 80mm systolic): administer epinephrine 0.3-0.5ml. 1:1000 (1mg/ml) subcutaneous and repeat every 10-15 minutes, for a maximum 1mg dose.

* 1. Record vital signs.
  2. Maintain an open airway.
  3. Place in modified Trendelenburg position.
  4. Call 911 after treatment is given. All anaphylactic reactions are sent to the ER, regardless of severity.