

THE MEDICAL PRACTICE AT 48 WIMPOLE STREET

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PRACTICE POLICY ON ALLERGIC EMERGENCIES

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Adrenaline provides physiological reversal of immediate symptoms such as laryngeal oedema, bronchospasm, and hypotension associated with hypersensitivity reactions such as anaphylaxis and angioedema.

Anaphylaxis

- Especially in atopics
- Insect stings
- Foods - eggs, fish, cow's milk protein, nuts
- Medicines – blood products, vaccines, allergens, antibiotics, aspirin, NSAID's
- Additives and excipients

First-line treatment

- Securing the airway
- Restoration of BP – lie flat, raise feet
- Adrenaline im (NOT S/C) 500mcg (0.5ml of **1 in 1000**) or 300mcg for immediate self-administration
- Monitor BP, HR, RR & repeat adrenaline if necessary every 5 minutes until help arrives – may need further treatment.
- Oxygen
- Antihistamine – chlorpheniramine slow iv 10-20mg & continue for 24-48 hours
- Hydrocortisone iv 200mg
- Consider slow iv dilute adrenaline if patient really ill & doubt over circulation -500mcg (5mls of **dilute 1 in 10,000**) at rate of 1 ml per minute – **CHILDREN 10mcg/kg or 0.1ml/kg**

Caution – BBlockers or tri-cyclic antidepressants

Dose of intramuscular adrenaline for shock

Age	Dose mcg	Volume of 1 in 1000 mls
<6 months	50	0.05
6 months – 6 years	120	0.12
6-12 years	250	0.25
Adult	500	0.5