

McGraw Hill

Procedure/Skill Evaluation

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Skill Sheet 59: Autoinjector Drug Administration – EPI PEN

Indications	A patient whose condition requires the administration of a medication via the IM route.
Red Flags	The IM route is relatively fast acting. Ensure this is the patient’s prescribed medication before assisting with administration. Never put fingers or hand over needle end of autoinjector.

Don appropriate standard precautions	
Prepare Equipment	
Check and recheck medication	
Solution clarity and expiration date	
Right patient	
Right medication	
Right dose	
Right route	
Right time	
Prepare Patient	
Inquire about allergies and previous medication reactions	
Explain what medication you are giving and why	
Administer Medication	
Remove safety cap from autoinjector	
Position injector in the middle of the lateral or anterior thigh	
With one fluid motion, strike the autoinjector into thigh muscle with enough force to activate injection device	
Hold autoinjector against the thigh long enough to administer medication (approximately 10 seconds)	
Quickly withdraw autoinjector	
Dispose of autoinjector into appropriate receptacle (sharps container)	
Monitor Patient	
Obtain a full set of vital signs	
Monitor patient for adverse effects	
Monitor patient for desired effects	

Critical Criteria:

- ___ Use appropriate standard precautions
- ___ Ensure the five rights of medication administration are met
- ___ Reassess patient after medication administration for desired or adverse effects
- ___ Dispose of autoinjector in sharps container