McGraw Hill Procedure/Skill Evaluation

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**Skill Sheet 59: Autoinjector Drug Administration – EPI PEN**

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| **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.  |

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| 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