

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR PROGRAM  
BASIC LIFE SUPPORT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

- ❑ A licensed health care provider
- ❑ A camper, if he/she has proof of his/her own prescription; and
- ❑ Children's camp employees designated by the camp director and the camp's emergency health care provider and who has passed a training program approved by the New York State Department of Health on the use of the auto-injector.

BLS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Basic Life Support (BLS) prehospital services may participate in this program if the following requirements are met:

- ❑ Identify a physician or hospital to serve as the BLS service's emergency health care provider.
- ❑ Develop, sign and implement an agreement between the BLS service and the emergency health care provider; this must include written practice protocols and policies for the use of the auto-injector.
- ❑ Train CFRs/EMT-Bs as outlined in the agreement, and maintain a record of those trained with training dates, training refresher dates and curriculum followed;
- ❑ Provide written notice to the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System dispatch center that an auto-injector will be available through the BLS service;
- ❑ File a Notice of Intent with the local Regional EMS Council (REMSCO) and attach a copy of the agreement with the emergency health care provider; and
- ❑ Notify and file a new agreement with REMSCO when there is a change in the agreement and/or emergency health care provider.

PRACTICE PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES

The Practice Protocols and Policies must include the following:

- ❑ The curriculum used to train authorized individuals; the curriculum must be approved by the Commissioner of Health;
- ❑ Designation of individual(s) by the emergency health care provider who will conduct the training of authorized staff;
- ❑ Designation of staff to be trained to use, acquire and dispose of the auto-injector;
- ❑ Use of the auto-injector for pediatric and adult patients;
- ❑ Use of the auto-injector for cases with known history of allergy and for those presenting with no known allergy history;

- ❑ A plan of action when an auto-injector is used, including notification as requested by the emergency health care provider and/or medical control, and disposal of the auto-injector in accordance with OSHA regulation 29CFR 1910.1030; and
- ❑ A procedure for obtaining, storing and accounting for the medication. It is the responsibility of the emergency health care provider to purchase and distribute the auto-injector for the pre hospital care providers.

### MEDICAL CONTROL

Separate policies and protocols must be established for the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors for those individuals with known prior history of allergy and for those individuals presenting without known prior history. In the first case, CFRs/EMT-Bs may administer epinephrine auto-injectors without contact of medical control and/or emergency health care providers.

The BLS ambulance service should contact medical control and/or emergency health care provider to administer epinephrine auto-injector to an individual exhibiting symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction who do not have prior history of such reaction. In the event contact can not be made with medical control and/or the emergency health care provider; the BLS service may use the auto-injector while continuing to obtain appropriate medical control.

In all cases, the decision to administer a second dose of epinephrine must be authorized through medical control.

### CHILDREN'S CAMPS

It is anticipated that children's camps will begin to participate in the Epinephrine Auto-Injector Program during Summer 2000. Camps have been encouraged to notify their local EMS providers if they elect to participate in the program. If they participate in the program, they must also have a collaborative agreement with an emergency health care provider and train designated staff using Department of Health approved curriculum.

Information about participating children's camps may be obtained from your REMSCO or county Department of Health.