KAISER PERMANENTE - PORTLAND
MEDICATION REQUEST GUIDELINES

EPINEPHRINE

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GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is there a FDA confirmed shortage of ALL other epinephrine auto-injector products for the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis [Adrenaclick, epinephrine auto-injector (generic Adrenaclick), EpiPen, EpiPen Jr.]?
   - If yes, Approve for 1 fill only.
   - If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the patient unable to use alternative mechanisms of epinephrine delivery [e.g., Adrenaclick, epinephrine auto-injector (generic Adrenaclick), EpiPen, EpiPen Jr.] despite documented training with a healthcare professional, due to significant functional impairment requiring the need for an auto-injector with audio cues for self-administration?
   - If yes, Approve for 1 fill only.
   - If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the patient caregiver unable to use alternative mechanisms of epinephrine delivery [e.g., Adrenaclick, epinephrine auto-injector (generic Adrenaclick), EpiPen, EpiPen Jr.] despite documented training with a healthcare professional, due to significant functional impairment and requires an auto-injector with audio cues for appropriate administration?
   - If yes, Approve for 1 fill only.
   - If no, do not approve, but please ensure member receives one of the alternative mechanisms of delivery.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for EPINEPHRINE requires either a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) confirmed shortage of all other epinephrine auto-injector products for the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis [Adrenaclick, epinephrine auto-injector (generic Adrenaclick), EpiPen, EpiPen Jr.], or despite documented training with a healthcare professional the patient or patients’ caregiver must be unable to use alternative mechanisms of epinephrine delivery [Adrenaclick, epinephrine auto-injector (generic Adrenaclick), EpiPen, EpiPen Jr.] due to significant functional impairment and requires an auto-injector with audio cues for appropriate administration.

RATIONALE
To prevent inappropriate utilization of epinephrine auto-injectors when there are other preferred epinephrine auto-injector dosage forms.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS
Epinephrine auto-injectors contain epinephrine, which is vasopressor indicated for the emergency treatment
of type I allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.

REFERENCES