**P/T Scan: Auto Injector Stocking in Schools**

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**Question:** Lauren Wallace (BC): Can you please advise if there is any direction from your PT to districts/schools regarding stocking (ie. having extra supply of) epinephrine auto-injectors in the event that a student has a first time anaphylaxic reaction at school? If yes, can you please share what that direction is.

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| **Province** | **Response** |
| Alberta | No reply |
| Saskatchewan | ***The Ministries are not directing school divisions to stock medications, including epinephrine, in schools.*** *We do provide guidance about meeting individual students' needs, which in some cases may include storing medications for quick access.*-Kyla Christiansen |
| Manitoba | No reply |
| Ontario | No reply |
| Newfoundland | ***We have given no direction to the districts regarding schools having epinephrine auto-injectors available in the event of a student who has not been identified to the school having a first time anaphylaxis reaction.****This has been actioned in some parts of the US but my conversations with Anaphylaxis Canada indicate little action in Canada regarding provincial policies and schools**-*Ellen Coady |
| New Brunswick | No reply |
| PEI | *In situations where it is uncertain that an anaphylactic reaction is occurring, it is advisable to administer the* ***EpiPen®*** *(epinephrine). There is very little chance of reaction to the medication and any reaction is usually very mild.* ***There can be serious consequences if an anaphylactic reaction is occurring, and the EpiPen® (epinephrine) is not given.****In the absence of parental authorization, school staff have an obligation to administer the* ***EpiPen®*** *(epinephrine) and to follow the emergency procedures when there is reasonable grounds to assume that the student is having an anaphylactic reaction.*-PEI website. Follow up email sent to Imelda |
| Nova Scotia | *The Ministries do not provide specific direction to schools or school boards regarding back-up auto-injectors, however, we encourage school boards to refer to Anaphylaxis resource links for training purposes, on our website.**In the Province’s Anaphylaxis in Schools and other Settings,* ***it is identified as beneficial for schools to have epinephrine auto-injector as a standard item in their emergency or first-aid kit. It is also acknowledged that some school boards and schools may take different steps to ensure that back-up devices are available including: some school boards and schools purchase stock epinephrine auto-injectors (i.e. not prescribed for a specific person) for use in an emergency situation.****-*Sharon Young |
| Yukon | No reply |
| Northwest Territories | No reply |