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1. Policy

- 1.1 If correctional staff suspect that an individual in custody is having an allergic reaction to a drug it will be documented and immediately reported to health care.


2. Procedures

- 2.1 Correctional staff observing a reaction will document on an information report the following
 - 2.1.1 individual's full name
 - 2.1.2 onset of reaction, date and time
 - 2.1.3 description of reaction/interaction
- 2.2 In the absence of health care, correctional staff will contact
 - 2.2.1 811 or the local emergency room,
 - 2.2.2 provide the above information
 - 2.2.3 await direction from 811 or emergency room personnel
- 2.3 The documentation will be forwarded to health care and a copy placed on the individual's file.

3. EpiPen Administration for Severe Allergic Reactions

- 3.1 An EpiPen is an auto-injector disposable drug delivery system, designed to provide rapid first aid to potentially fatal allergic reactions
- 3.2 All correctional facilities will provide EpiPen's for emergency treatment of sever allergic reaction
- 3.3 EpiPen's will be stored and maintained in identifiable and readily accessible locations throughout the facility, e.g., living, dining and recreation areas.
- 3.4 During conditional releases, i.e., temporary absence, reintegration leave, an EpiPen will be carried by staff escorting individuals identified as at risk for a severe allergic reaction.

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3.5 An immediate medical referral will occur following the administration of an EpiPen as a result of symptoms of a severe allergic reaction.

4. Training

4.1 Superintendents are responsible to ensure correctional staff receive training in

4.1.1 the administration of EpiPen injections as part of their first aid training

4.1.2 the recognition of signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction as provided by health care staff to correctional staff working directly with individuals in custody

5. Standard Operating Procedures

5.1 Standard Operating Procedures will identify the location and maintenance schedule of EpiPen's in consultation with the IWK Youth Clinical and Forensic Services or the Nova Scotia Health Authority.