## Health Office Training

School Year 2021-2022



## Session Objectives

- 1) Learn how to safely administer medication
- 2) Identify the signs and symptoms of asthma
- 3) Develop an awareness of food allergy and anaphylaxis
- 4) Review diabetes, hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia
- 5) Learn how to recognize seizures
- 6) Learn how to recognize concussions

#### **Medication Review**

Purpose: This training is designed to review and refresh knowledge of how to safely administer medication.

Education code states that students who require medication during the school day may request that the school assist with the administration(California Ed Code 49423

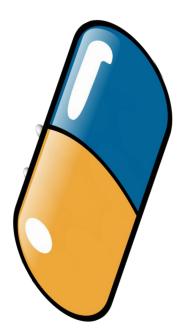
#### Medication



- Obtain a physician order and physician signature on medication form.
   Parent signature is needed.
- 2) Medication need to have pharmacy label
- 3) Medication needs to be in locked cabinet
- 4) Make certain that the student receives the medication---call student out of class if they do not show up. Medication should be given within 30 minutes of scheduled time as instructed in physician order.
- 5) Do not crush or cut an unscored medication pill.

## 5 rights medication administration

- 1) Right student
- 2) Right medication
- 3) Right time
- 4) Right route
- 5) Right dose
- 6) Right documentation



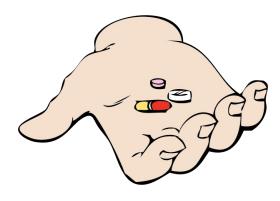
#### Steps in School Administration

- 1) Gather necessary items with few distractions
- 2) Verify the physician authorization and parent consent
- 3) Check the 5 rights
- 4) Wash hands
- 5) Prepare the dosage without touching the medication or contaminate the inside of the lid
- 6) Do not leave medication unattended
- 7) Count all narcotics and stimulants(pain meds and ADHD meds) before accepting the medication from parent

#### Steps to Administration of Medication

- 1) Verify the right student and medication
- 2) Observe student for unusual behaviors prior to giving the medication.
  - Do not give if you have concerns.
- 3) Explain procedure to student
- 4) Position the student properly

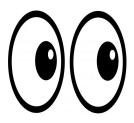
#### Medication procedure



- 1) Pour medication out of container
- 2) Place medication in student's hand
- 3) Watch student take medication
- 4) Document your procedure
- 5) Note the physician order prior to administering the medication
- 6) Check the bottle that is the right medication
- 7) Look at the student









#### Eye Drops:

- 1) Check order
- 2) Have student lay down or sit quietly
- 3) Gently open eye with finger
- 4) Place ordered number of drops in the eye away from the colored part of the eye

## Eye Ointment

- 1) Check order
- 2) Have student lay or sit quietly
- 3) Gently open eye with one finger by pulling down on lower lid
- 4) Gently place a line of ointment on lower lid
- 5) Student should close eyes for a few minutes

## Ear Drops

- 1) Check order
- 2) Have student lay on side
- 3) Gently drop in the ordered number of drops
- 4) Have student stay on that side for 5 minutes



#### Skin Ointments

- 1) Check order
- 2) Remember universal precautions
- 3) Wear gloves
- 4) Apply prescribed medication

#### Inhalers

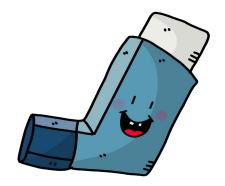
- 1) Follow the physician order for inhaler
- 2) Check for signs of respiratory distressions
- 3) Blue discoloration around lips and nailbeds
- 4) Noisy respirations



#### Inhalers

#### **Rescue-Quick Acting**

- HFA=Proair, Ventolin, Proventil
- 2) Xopenex HFA=Levalbuterol
- 3) Spacers are preferred if ordered



#### **Controller-anti-inflammatory**

1) Flovent, Qvar, Pulmicort Aerobid, Alvesco

#### **Combination:**

1) Advair, Diskus, Symbicort

## Administering Inhaler

- 1) Position student
- 2) Remove the mouthpiece cap and shake
- 3) Prime the inhaler one dose if new
- 4) Instruct student to exhale fully
- 5) Insert in space if student has one
- 6) Have student place mouthpiece into his/her mouth and keep tongue out of way
- 7) Inhale medication

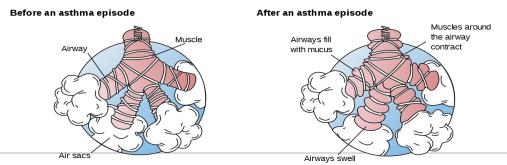
#### Administering inhaled medication

- 1) Instruct student to begin to inhale and then activate the inhaler
- 2) Instruct to continue to inhale slowly for 3-5 seconds filling their lungs
- 3) Hold their breath 10 seconds as able, and then breath out
- 4) Wait 1 minute before second dose
- 5) Replace cap on inhaler-rinse the spacer mouthpiece with warm water shaking off excess water--allow to dry
- 6) Monitor students for change in respirations

#### Asthma



**Asthma** 



Chronic wheezing attacks that are triggered by many substances/activities.

Hypersensitive airways may become smaller, causing wheezes, cough, and difficulty breathing. Attacks may be mild, moderate, or severe. The airways produce thick mucus.

#### Response to Asthma

Sit person upright and comfort student.

Have student breathe slowly deeply through the nose and out of mouth

**STAY CALM** 

**BE REASSURING** 

**Check physician orders-GIVE INHALER IF ORDERED** 

# Signs and Symptoms of Breathing Difficulty

- 1) Rapid shallow breathing
- 2) Not speaking in full sentences
- 3) Wheezing
- 4) Tightness in chest
- 5) Widening of nostrils
- 6) Increased use of stomach and chest muscles
- 7) Sleepy and fatigued

#### Triggers

Infections such as upper airway/colds

Changes in the weather and temperature

**Exercise** 

Physical expressions of strong feelings-crying, laughing hard, yelling.

A student vomits after taking medication-what should you do?

- 1) Note students name and age
- 2) Note medication and dosage
- 3) Note time interval between symptoms and taking medication
- 4) Call RN



#### **Medication Errors**

- 1) Omitted doses
- 2) Incorrect dose
- 3) Incorrect time of administration
- 4) Incorrect student
- 5) Improper injection technique
- 6) Incorrect route
- 7) Incorrect documentation-NO WHITE-OUT



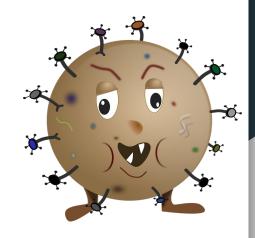
#### **Medication Error**



If medication error takes place, observe student for any signs and symptoms. Be sure to check level of consciousness and breathing.

Call 911 if level of consciousness is altered, trouble breathing and/or seizures.

## Allergy Objectives



Learn the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxisis

Have the skills to give Epinephrine auto-injector

Review the use of emergency care plan in responding to a student health emergency.

#### Food Allergy

One in every 13 children has a food allergy--that is about 2 in every classroom.

CDC 2016- reports a 22% increase in food allergies in the US. since 2007.

Every 3 minutes someone is in ED with food allergy.

#### Food Allergy

A Food Allergy is a potentially serious immune response to eating or otherwise coming into contact with certain foods or food additives.

The signs and symptoms are caused by biologically active chemicals produced by the immune system in its attempt to protect the body from foreign invader.

Our immune system produces immunoglobulin E (IGE)-a type of protein

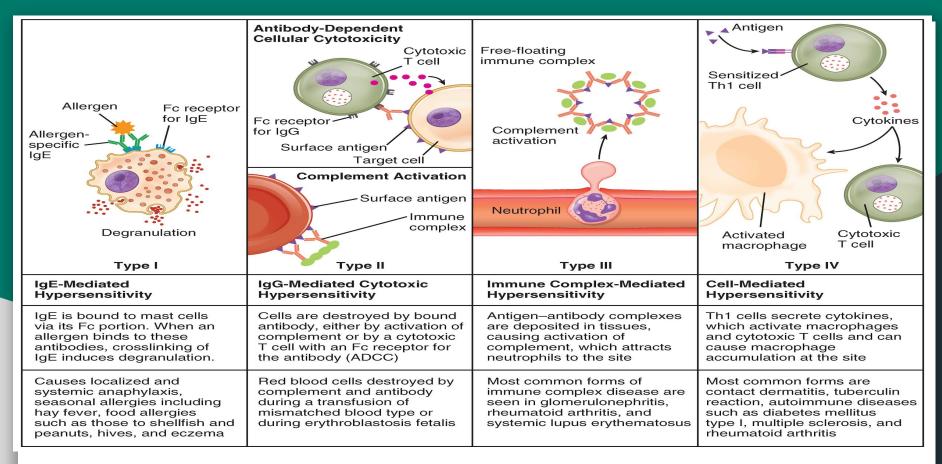
## Mild vs. Major Allergic Reaction

#### **MILD REACTION: Benadryl**

- 1) Hives
- 2) Itching
- 3) Localized swelling

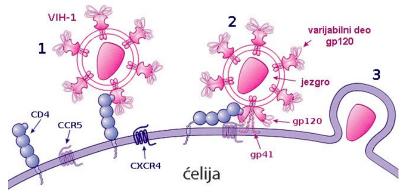
#### **MAJOR REACTION:**

- 1) Difficulty breathing
- 2) Throat tightness
- 3) Shock/fainting
- 4) Vomiting



#### **Anaphylaxis**

## Anaphylaxis



Anaphylactic reactions is a severe reaction of rapid onset that involves most organ systems(multiple organ failure that results in circulatory collapses and a drop in blood pressure.)

The first system usually are burning irritation of the lips, the inside of the mouth, and throat followed by gastrointestinal symptoms.

## Auto Injector Epi-Pen

#### **Usual progression:**

- Burning, itching and irritation of mouth and oral tissues and throat--obstructive swelling
- nausea/vomiting, diarrhea,cramping
- 3) Feeling of anxiety, dizziness

Used to deliver epinephrine when anaphylaxis occurs



#### Food Allergy



- 1) Almost any food can cause an anaphylactic reaction
- 2) Some foods are more common than others:
- ---peanuts, tree nuts, shell fish, and eggs
- 3) children under 3 years=cows milk, eggs, wheat, chicken

#### **NUTS:**

- 1) Tree nuts
- 2) Almonds
- 3) Brazil nuts
- 4) Walnuts
- 5) Hazelnuts
- 6) Pistachios
- 7) Pecans
- 8) Cashews

#### **LEGUMES:**

- 1) Peanuts
- 2) Carob nuts
- 3) Soy nuts



#### Diabetes

Nearly 21 million adults and children in the US have diabetes

Diabetes is a chronic illness in which the body does not produce enough insulin(type1) or does not produce enough insulin properly(type2)

There can be long term health complications if not managed



Insulin is vital for everyday life because it converts the sugar, starches or other food into energy.

Diabetes occurs when the pancreas does not produce insulin

## Diabetes Normal Blood Sugar(70-100)

Signs and Symptoms Type 1

Frequent urination

**Excessive thirst** 

Extreme hunger

Dramatic weight loss

**Irritability** 

Weakness and fatigue

Signs and Symptoms Type 2

Increase thirst

Frequent urination/night time

urination

Blurry vision

Unusual fatigue

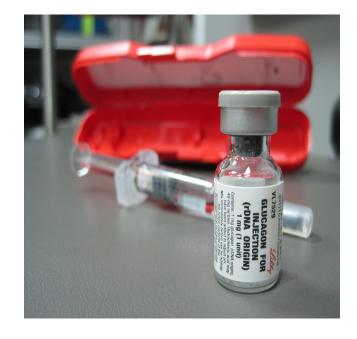
Dark skin-Acanthosis Nigricans

#### Severe Hypoglycemia

**Inability to swallow** 

Seizure or convulsion

**Unconsciousness** 



RESPONSE----Call 911--give GLucagon---Position on side---call RN

# Glucagon



Used to help Diabetic students in severe Hypoglycemia reaction

Use Glucagon to treat insulin coma or insulin reaction resulting from severe hypoglycemia blood sugar.

Symptoms of low blood sugar include: disorientation, unconsciousness, and seizures and convulsions.

Give Glucagon if the student is unconsciousness and unable to eat sugar.

## Glucagon Administration

Remove the flip-off seal from the bottle

Wipe the rubber stopper with alcohol



Remove the needle protector from the syringe and inject entire contents into the bottle

Insert the needle into the loose tissue under the cleansed injection site. THERE IS NO DANGER OF OVERDOSE

Turn student on his/her side

### Hypoglycemia

Too much insulin administration

Skipping or delaying meal or snacks

Too much insulin for the amount of food

Exercising longer or harder

More likely to occur before lunch or at the end of the day or during or after PE

Never leave a student alone with signs or symptoms



## Management with Hypoglycemia

Quick acting sugar equivalent to 15 grams of carbohydrates

4 ounces of juice

½ can of regular soda

3-4 glucose tabs

Check sugar again in 10-15 minutes



# Hyperglycemia

Too little insulin

Illness, infections, or injury

Stress or emotional upset

**Decreased exercise or activity** 



# Signs of Symptoms Hyperglycemia

Increased thirst

Frequent urination

Nausea

Blurry vision

Fatigue



In the short term hyperglycemia can impair cognitive abilities and adversely affect academic performance.

In the long term, High blood sugars can be very dangerous.

## Treatment of Hyperglycemia

Allow free and unrestricted access to liquids and restrooms

Allow student to administer insulin or seek trained staff to

administer insulin.

**Encourage water** 



# Signs and Symptoms of both Hyperglycemia and Hypoglycemia

#### Hypoglycemia:

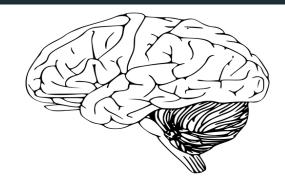
Shaky, weak, tired, and pale-give quick acting sugar like juice, soda, or glucose tablets

#### Hyperglycemia:

Increased urination, thirst, blurry vision, and nausea.



#### Seizures



A sudden brief disruption of the normal functioning of the brain

An abnormal burst of electrical activity within the brain cells

The classification and seizure type are defined by the part of the brain that they affect.

# Partial Seizures-abnormal activity starts in one part of the brain

Simple partial=consciousness is not impaired. Awareness is maintained. The student may have jerky, spasms, head-turning, unusual sensations.

Complex partial=consciousness is impaired during that time. It lasts 1-2 minutes. It begins with a blank stare. Automatisms-lip smacking, chewing, fidgeting etc.

# Generalized Seizure-produced by entire brain

Grand-Mal, Tonic-Clonic=unconsciousness, convulsions, muscle rigidity

Absence seizures=brief unconsciousness, the eyes may stare

Atonic seizures=sudden loss of muscle strenght

Myoclonic seizures=sporadic (isolated)jerky movements

#### When to call 911 for seizures at school

First time seizure or Diastat

The person does not resume normal breathing

The seizure lasts more than 5 minutes

The seizure follows another without the person regaining consciousness

#### Seizure Medications

Depakote Phenobarbital

Felbatol Neorontin

**Gabatril** Tegretol

Keppra Trileptal

**Lamictal** Topamax

**Dilantin** Zonegran

Lyrica





Signs and Symptoms of Concussion in 4 Categories: emotional, physical, thinking, sleep









# Thinking/Remembering

Difficulty thinking clearly

Feeling slowed down

**Difficulty concentration** 

Difficulty remembering new information



# Physical

Headache

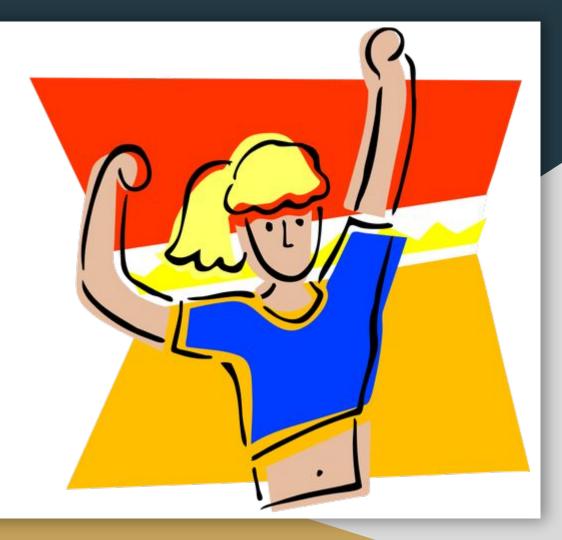
**Fuzzy or blurry vision** 

Nausea or vomiting

**Dizziness** 

Sensitivity to noise or light

**Balance problems** 



#### **Emotional Mood**

Irritability

Sadness

More emotional

Nervousness

Anxiety

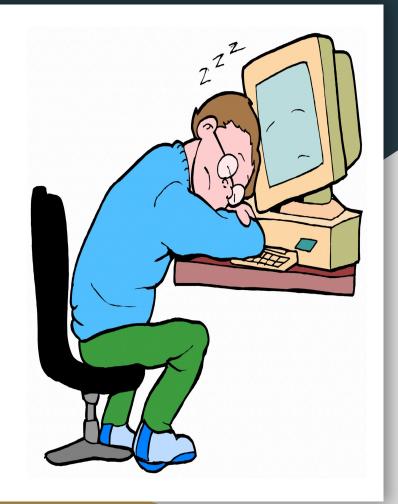


### Sleep

Sleeping more than usual

Sleep less than usual

**Trouble falling asleep** 



# When to call 911 for Head Injury/Suspect Concussion

Headache that gets worse and does not go away

Weakness numbness or decreased coordination

Repeated nausea and vomiting

Slurred speech

# Assessment for 911 calls for Head Injury

Student looks drowsy or cannot be awakened

Has one pupil larger than another

Has convulsions or seizures

Are getting more confused, restless, or agitated

**Unusual behavior/vomiting** 

LOSS OF CONSIOUSNESS

#### General 911 calls

Person not breathing

Person has difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, choking

No pulse

Severe eye injury

Unconsciousness or unusual confused

Bleeding that will not stop

The person is coughing up or vomiting blood

DO NOT MOVE PERSON ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Person has chest pain, or pressure persisting more than 3-5 minutes or had chest pain that goes away and comes back

Person has been poisoned or taken an overdose

First time seizure

Injuries to head, neck, or back with symptoms

The person has severe pain anywhere in body

Open wound over suspected fracture and/or limb is threatened-lack of pulse, color abnormal

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#### FERPA/HIPPA

HIPPA-The Health Insurance
Portability and Accountibilty Act of
1996-Established rules to protect the
privacy and security of individual
identifiable health information and
its transmission between agencies.

Need Authorization for Use to obtain medical information

FERPA=The Family Education
Rights and Privacy Act of
1974-established regulations for
the protection and release of
personally identifiable student
information.

Students and families have a right to expect that student health information will be kept confidential.

#### General Maintenance of Health Office

Wipe counters after each medical procedure

Wipe counters before you leave your shift

Replace paper towels on pillows after each use

Provide classroom with first aid kits

The health office serves as a the center for health assessments, counseling, screening, emergency care, and records. When an office is cheerful and attractive it puts the visitor at ease.