

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 583

Thomas Emerson MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

1. Is a teacher not authorised to administer adrenaline to students experiencing anaphylaxis where the adrenaline is in non-injectable form, given the Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008 outlines authorisations regarding the emergency supply and administration of adrenaline, and authorised adrenaline is defined as adrenaline in a single use automatic injector delivering not more than 0.3mg adrenaline.
2. Can teachers administer intranasal adrenaline to students experiencing anaphylaxis in circumstances where the intranasal adrenaline has been prescribed to the student.

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The Australian Register for Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) lists medicines and medical devices which have been assessed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for safety and efficacy and approved for use in Australia. The TGA has not approved any non-injectable forms of adrenaline to be listed on the ARTG.

The Health and Community Services Directorate (HCSD) is aware that intranasal adrenaline products may be listed on the ARTG and become available to Australians in the future. HCSD is monitoring developments with these products and is working to ensure that necessary updates are made to ACT legislation to ensure that anyone, including teachers, can administer intranasal adrenaline in an emergency.

2. In circumstances where adrenaline has been prescribed to a student, a teacher may assist in administering the medicine as authorised by a parent or guardian (MPTG Regulation, s 361). ACT Public Schools have robust policies and procedures in place regarding the storage and administration of medicines prescribed to children. ACT public school employees are authorised to administer adrenaline in accordance with the current Anaphylaxis Management Procedures. The Education Directorate's policy on anaphylaxis medication in schools does not include devices other than adrenaline auto injector devices.

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Where a student suffers from anaphylaxis, ACT public school employees will follow the instructions as set out in the Anaphylaxis Management Procedures. If the student has a Known Medical Condition Response Plan in place, staff will follow the steps set out in the plan. If a student does not have a Known Medical Condition Response Plan in place, employees will follow standard First Aid protocols and the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ACSI) Action Plan which provides for the administration of adrenaline auto injector devices.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA
Minister for Health

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