

Change to the NIAC Guidelines for treatment of Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is an extremely rare event (about one event/million doses) that could occur with the administration of any vaccine. Detailed advice on the management of anaphylaxis is contained in the Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland.

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/guidelines/>

In August 2015 the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC) changed the dose of epinephrine from 500 micrograms to 500- 600 micrograms for adults who are treated for anaphylaxis.

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/guidelines/Anaphylaxis.pdf>

Epinephrine 600 micrograms is the dose recommended when an **adult** patient is treated for anaphylaxis following vaccination with epinephrine given by pre filled 300 microgram epinephrine pens.

When Medication Protocols are used by registered nurses and midwives the dose of epinephrine for adults who are being treated for anaphylaxis is 500 micrograms.

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