

# Emergency Medication

e.g. epinephrine/adrenaline, antihistamine (if listed on action plan), salbutamol, midazolam

Emergency medication is medication that is authorised to be administered to a student 'as needed' in response to certain symptoms and in accordance with a medication order or health plan or written instructions from a prescribing health practitioner. This medication may be administered as an emergency response to symptoms of known medical conditions (e.g. Midazolam for specific seizures, adrenaline auto-injector for anaphylaxis, blue reliever for severe asthma).

Documentation required:

1. A completed [consent to administer medication form \(DOCX, 106KB\)](#) for each medication
2. Action Plan completed by medical practitioner, for example
  - a. [ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis](#)
  - b. [ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions](#)
  - c. [Asthma Action Plan](#)
3. If you do not have an action plan you will need to provide additional documentation to prove that the required medication is "medically necessary". Without this documentation we will be unable to administer the medication.

This may take the form of:

- a. A letter from your GP
- b. *Medication order to administer 'as-needed' medication at school* (found on page 3 of [information for parents \(DOCX, 82KB\)](#)) completed by GP or other prescribing medical practitioner (not pharmacist).

Medication:

- Must be in its original packaging
- Must have a pharmacy label attached

Guidelines:

- Set yourself a calendar reminder with sufficient time to replace emergency medication prior to the expiry date. We must hold in-date medication at all times.
- Set yourself a calendar reminder to have the action plan reviewed as necessary.
- Expired medication needs to be collected from the Main Admin (B Block) or Student Services (N Block).
- If an antihistamine is listed on an action plan for emergency medication (anaphylaxis or allergy) you don't need to provide a separate letter from a medical practitioner.

Diagram 1: Pharmacy label check:

