

## A Guide to Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

Patients with significant food allergy may be at risk for anaphylaxis and should have injectable epinephrine available for emergency treatment of sudden severe allergic reactions. In the past this usually meant the familiar **EpiPen** which was developed in the 1970's. More recently, two generic devices and a smaller new technology injector have also become available.

### **EpiPen/EpiPen Jr ([www.epipen.com](http://www.epipen.com)) BRAND**

2 injectors and a trainer per kit

Cost approx. \$650 per kit (w/o insurance)

Manufacturer's online coupon saves \$300/kit up to 3 kits

Out of pocket cost ranges from \$0 to \$350, depending on insurance

### **Mylan Generic Epinephrine Auto-Injector (0.15/0.30)**

([www.my-generic-epinephrine-auto-injector.com](http://www.my-generic-epinephrine-auto-injector.com))

Identical to EpiPen and made by same manufacturer

Cost approx. \$350 per kit (w/o insurance)

Manufacturer's online coupon saves \$25/kit up to 3 kits

Out of pocket cost ranges from \$0 to \$350, depending on insurance

### **Impax Generic Epinephrine Auto-injector (0.15/0.30)**

([www.epinephrineautoinject.com](http://www.epinephrineautoinject.com))

Not identical to EpiPen/ different manufacturer/ slightly confusing to prior EpiPen users

2 injectors, No trainer provided

Cost approx. \$109.95 (w/o insurance)

Manufacturer's online coupon saves \$100/kit up to 3 kits

Out of pocket cost \$0 to \$9.95, depending on insurance.

### **Auvi-Q ([www.auvi-q.com](http://www.auvi-q.com)) (0.15/0.30) BRAND**

Newer design, smaller, "voice guided" device

2 injectors and a trainer per kit

Distributed through a single online mail pharmacy with two day delivery to home. Currently a 6-8 week back log at manufacturer.

Cost \$ 360 w/o insurance.

Out of pocket cost \$0. Manufacturer covering all cost with online coupon and purchase through mail order pharmacy

Availability of these devices may vary by pharmacy. Out of pocket cost and pre authorization requirements vary by insurance. Prescriptions for "**EpiPen**" may only be switched by pharmacy to **Mylan** Generic because they are identical products. "**Epinephrine Auto-Injector**" prescriptions will be dispensed as either **Mylan** or **Impax** generic, unless either is specified by prescriber. **Auvi-Q** requires a specific prescription. This is often a source of confusion to patients, pharmacists, and prescribers.