

Auto-Injector Delivered Medication (≥ PL1)

Clinical Indications:

1. When clinical guideline indicates medication delivery via auto-injector.
2. When other medication administration routes are unsuccessful or unavailable.

Contraindications:

1. None

Preparation for Use:

1. Appropriate equipment – chlorohexidine wipe and Band-aids.
2. Identify the appropriate injection site.
3. Do not place thumb, finger(s), or hand(s) over either end of the auto-injector at any time.

Procedure:

1. Prepare equipment.
2. Check label, date, and appearance of medication.
3. Locate appropriate injection site.
 - a. Vastus lateralis located on the lateral aspect of the thigh
 - b. Injection is given into the mid thigh
4. When time permits expose target site and prep with chlorohexidine (not required as injectors are designed to work through clothing.).
5. Remove the auto-injector from its storage container.
6. Perform Medication Administration Cross Check
7. Form a fist around the auto-injector with black or orange tip facing down. Do NOT place thumb over either end of the auto-injector.
8. Remove the Gray or Blue safety cap with your other hand.
9. Position at a 90 degree angle the Black or Orange "needle end" cap against the desired injection site press very firmly listening for an audible "click."
10. Hold auto-injector in place for 10 seconds to allow complete delivery of medication.
11. Remove auto-injector and dispose of the sharp in an appropriate container.
12. Massage the injection site for 10 seconds to speed delivery of the medication.
13. Observe patient for response to medication.
14. All patients receiving auto-injector medications should be transported to the hospital for further evaluation and observation.