NOR-CAL EMS	05-0943	Skills: - Epinephrine Auto-Injector

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PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	MET (Initials)	NOT MET (Initials)	COMMENTS
1. Prepares the equipment/medication.			
2. Inspects the medication for clarity, current expiration date, and assures package and container are intact.			
3. Verifies the patient's "rights": A. **RIGHT** PATIENT. B. **RIGHT** DRUG (No known allergies to that drug). C. **RIGHT** DOSE. D. **RIGHT** TIME. E. **RIGHT** ROUTE. F. **RIGHT** REASON. G. **RIGHT** DOCUMENTATION.			
4. Prepares the pen by removing the cap.			
5. Selects appropriate site (i.e., lateral (outer) thigh muscle): A. Hands width below hip. B. Hands width above knee. **NOTE**: thinly built individuals (e.g., elderly), administer in upper-outer quadrant of buttocks.			
6. Preps skin with antiseptic or betadine.			
7. Rechecks medication and dosage.			
8. Properly supports skin.			
9. Presses the pen against the skin and pen will inject the Epi.			
10. Removes the pen from the skin.			
11. Disposes of Pen properly.			
12. Massages the skin with a swab to help with absorption.			
13. Monitors and documents the patient's response to drug.			
14. Documents time and site of injection on PCR form.			