

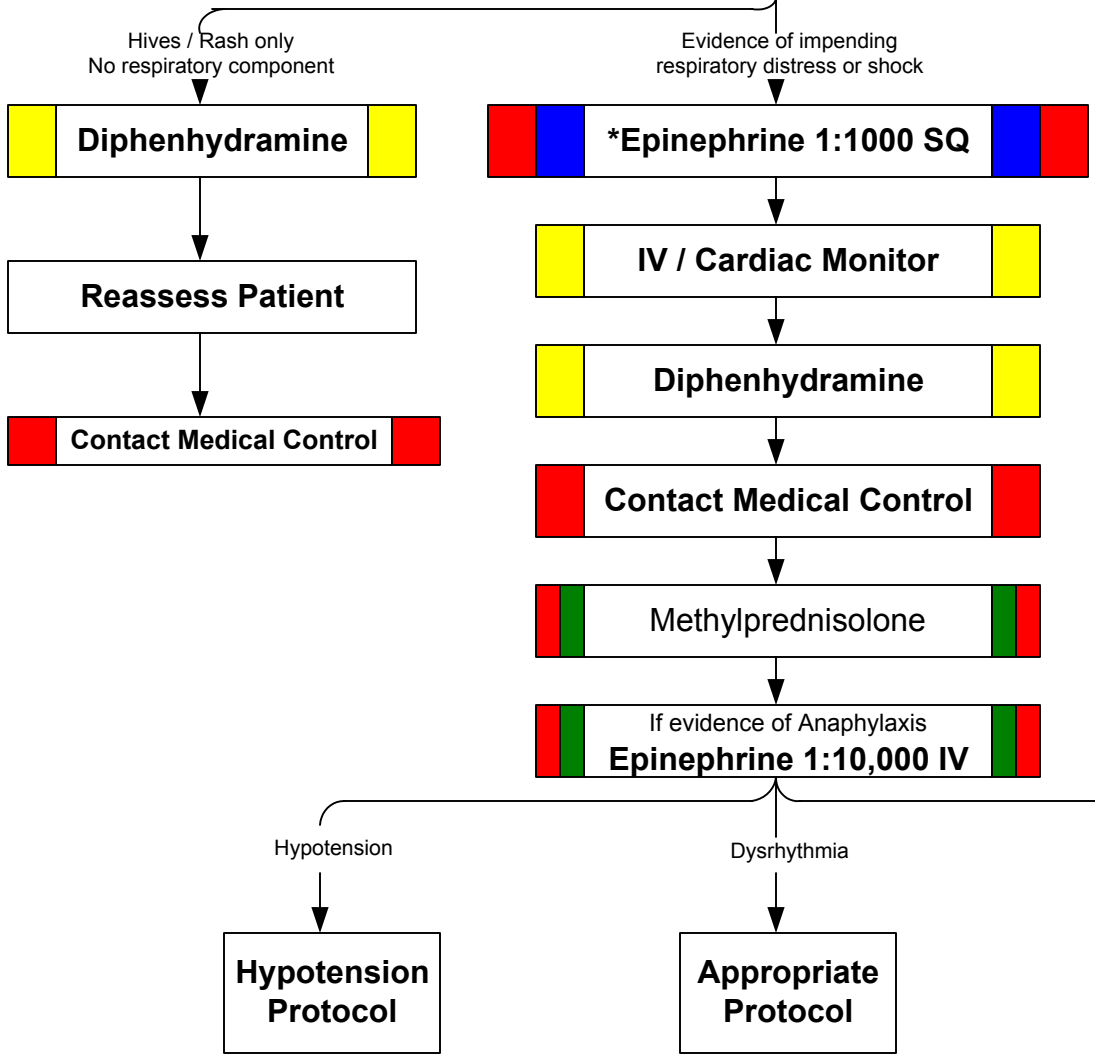
FORSYTH COUNTY EMS MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

Allergic Reaction

History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Onset and location * Insect sting or bite * Food allergy / exposure * Medication allergy / exposure * New clothing, soap, detergent * Past history of reactions * Past medical history * Medication history 	Signs and Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Itching or hives * Coughing / wheezing or respiratory distress * Chest or throat constriction * Difficulty swallowing * Hypotension or shock * Edema 	Differential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Urticaria (rash only) * Anaphylaxis (systemic effect) * Shock (vascular effect) * Angioedema (drug induced) * Aspiration / Airway obstruction * Vasovagal event * Asthma or COPD * CHF
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Universal Patient Care Protocol

Legend		
	MR / EMT	
	Expanded Scope EMT	
	EMT-I	
	EMT-P	
	Medical Control	



***Note: EMT-Paramedic may give Epinephrine 1:1000 SQ per standing order**

Pearls:

- * Exam: Mental Status, Skin, Heart, Lungs
- * **Contact Medical Control** prior to administering epinephrine in patients who are >50 years of age, have a history of cardiac disease, or if the patients heart rate is >150. Epinephrine may precipitate cardiac ischemia. These patients should receive a 12 lead ECG.
- * Any patients with respiratory symptoms or extensive reactions should receive IV or IM diphenhydramine.
- * The shorter the onset from symptoms to contact, the more severe the reaction.
- * **Patients who receive Epinephrine must be transported for evaluation by a physician.**