

Prescribing Epinephrine Auto-Injector

There are three brand (EpiPen®, Adrenaclick®, and Auvi-Q®) and two generic epinephrine auto-injector products available. Clinically, there is no difference between the brand and generic formulations. However, the cost of these agents varies significantly with the branded agents more expensive than the generic agents. Additionally, the generic epinephrine auto-injectors may vary in cost depending on patient's insurance.

Some epinephrine auto-injectors (brand and generic) have a different administration technique so the instructions for proper use vary (see chart below). In addition to training devices, other educational materials, such as an office starter kit, may also be available from the manufacturer of these agents (brand and generic).

- EpiPen® and its generic product have a trainer pen, which Healthcare professionals can order online [here](#). Please click [here](#) for EpiPen® or its authorized generic demonstration video and for more information on how to use the pen.
- Adrenaclick® and its generic product have a training devices, which Healthcare professionals can order [here](#). Please click [here](#) for Adrenaclick® demonstration video and click [here](#) for generic demonstration video. Please note: Provider must write for "epinephrine auto-injector" in order for patient to receive generic for Adrenaclick®.
- Auvi-Q® contains an electronic voice instruction system to help guide the patient through each step of the injection. A training device is included with each Auvi-Q® as well. Additional training resources are available at www.auvi-q.com. Please click [here](#) for demonstration video. Auvi-Q is NOT recommended for general use due to the products high cost (~\$3,000). In general, reserve the use of Auvi-Q for those patients that require voice instruction system in order to administer.

Differences between Epinephrine Auto-injectors

Epipen® / Epipen JR Brand and generic	Adrenaclick® Brand and Epinephrine Auto-Injector (generic)	Auvi-Q® Brand only
Available as: 0.15 mg and 0.3 mg	Available as: 0.15 mg and 0.3 mg	Available as: 0.1 mg, 0.15mg and 0.3mg
One blue safety cap to remove at the non-needle end of device	One gray cap at each end must be removed prior to use	Pull off the red safety guard
To use, swing and firmly push, then hold in place for ten seconds	To use, must hold in place for ten seconds	Place and hold for five seconds
After use, the needle is covered by the orange tip	After use, needle remains exposed and should be put back into the carrying case, needle first	After use, needle is auto-retractable