



Anaphylactic Shock: A Medical Emergency

Some people have extreme allergic reactions to bee/wasp stings, insect bites, food (i.e., fish, spices, berries, etc.), pollen or drugs that bring on anaphylactic shock – a life-threatening emergency that can occur in a matter of seconds and can be FATAL in less than 15 minutes.



Definition:

Anaphylactic shock is a sensitivity reaction. It occurs when people come in contact with something to which they are extremely allergic. People who are subject to anaphylactic shock should carry emergency medical identification at all times.

Signs & Symptoms

- ü Complaints of nausea, weakness, dizziness, vomiting, and/or headache
- ü Hives, itching/burning skin (face/chest)
- ü Tongue, ankles, and face swell
- ü Painful constriction in the chest; difficulty breathing
- ü Lips cyanotic (bluish/purplish in color)
- ü Convulsions
- ü Coma

First Aid Treatment

- ü Check for medic-alert (emergency medical identification card, necklace or bracelet)
- ü Do not leave the victim unattended.
- ü Requires medication to counteract the allergic reaction. (If the victim carries medication with them, help them take the medication.)
- ü Check for shock and treat accordingly.
- ü Provide artificial ventilation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, if necessary.
- ü Transport immediately to hospital.

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