

M05.4 - EPINEPHRINE FOR CROUP (1 mg/ml)

MEDICATION STANDING ORDER

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INDICATIONS

- Moderate to severe croup
- Impending respiratory failure due to croup

CONTRAINDICATIONS

• Stridor known or suspected to be due to epiglottitis, angioedema or a foreign body airway obstruction

| ROUTE (WORK SCOPE) | INITIAL DOSE | REPEAT DOSE |
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| NEBULIZER (PCP & ABOVE) | 1 month up to 5 years - 0.5 ml/kg over 15 minutes (max = 5 ml/dose) | Once in two hours if necessary |

NOTES

- 1. During the COVID pandemic paramedics must wear extended PPE.
- 2. The effects of nebulized epinephrine will generally last about two to by three hours. Some children may experience a "rebound phenomenon," with recurring or worsening symptoms after the effects of epinephrine wear off. All children who receive even a single dose of nebulized epinephrine must be transported.
- 3. Use the parents or caregivers can assist in administering epinephrine using the blow-by technique.

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VERSION CHANGES (refer to X08 for change tracking)

• High-alert warning removed