McGraw Hill Procedure/Skill Evaluation

Student:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Level: □ EMT □ EMT- I / AEMT Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Time

Evaluator:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Start:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ End:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Pass/Fail \_\_\_

**Skill Sheet 59: Autoinjector Drug Administration – EPI PEN**

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| **Indications** | A patient whose condition requires the administration of a medication via the IM route. |
| **Red Flags** | The IM route is relatively fast acting. Ensure this is the patient’s prescribed medication before assisting with administration. Never put fingers or hand over needle end of autoinjector. |

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| Don appropriate standard precautions |  |
| **Prepare Equipment** |  |
| Check and recheck medication |  |
| Solution clarity and expiration date |  |
| Right patient |  |
| Right medication |  |
| Right dose |  |
| Right route |  |
| Right time |  |
| **Prepare Patient** |  |
| Inquire about allergies and previous medication reactions |  |
| Explain what medication you are giving and why |  |
| **Administer Medication** |  |
| Remove safety cap from autoinjector |  |
| Position injector in the middle of the lateral or anterior thigh |  |
| With one fluid motion, strike the autoinjector into thigh muscle with enough force to activate injection device |  |
| Hold autoinjector against the thigh long enough to administer medication (approximately.10 seconds) |  |
| Quickly withdraw autoinjector |  |
| Dispose of autoinjector into appropriate receptacle (sharps container) |  |
| **Monitor Patient** |  |
| Obtain a full set of vital signs |  |
| Monitor patient for adverse effects |  |
| Monitor patient for desired effects |  |

**Critical Criteria:**

\_\_ Use appropriate standard precautions

\_\_ Ensure the five rights of medication administration are met

\_\_ Reassess patient after medication administration for desired or adverse effects

\_\_ Dispose of autoinjector in sharps container