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Epinephrine Auto-Injectors for Anaphylaxis

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News about recent price increases for *EpiPen* and *EpiPen Jr* (Mylan) may have patients asking about other options for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. *Adrenaclick* and its generic equivalent (epinephrine injection auto-injector) are the only other epinephrine auto-injectors currently available in the US. According to Impax (the manufacturer of both the brand and generic products), *Adrenaclick* is no longer being manufactured; the generic product will continue to be marketed after supplies of *Adrenaclick* are depleted. *Auvi-Q* (Sanofi), an epinephrine auto-injector that was approved by the FDA in 2013, was removed from the market in 2015 due to inconsistencies in delivery of epinephrine doses, including failure to deliver the drug.¹

Adrenaclick and its generic equivalent are similar to *EpiPen* and *EpiPen Jr* in size and functionality, but they are not considered interchangeable with the *EpiPen* products due to differences in device design and instructions for use. One pack (two auto-injectors) of *EpiPen* or *EpiPen Jr* costs \$608.60. One pack of Impax's generic auto-injectors costs \$395.20.²

According to Mylan, generic versions of *EpiPen* and *EpiPen Jr* will soon become available at about half the cost of the brand-name products.

1. FDA. Updated: Sanofi US issues voluntary nationwide recall of all *Auvi-Q* due to potential inaccurate dosage delivery. Available at www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm469980.htm. Accessed September 1, 2016.
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