

Systemic Reaction To A vaccination

Is this anaphyaxis?

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Anaphylaxis – 3 definitions

Definition #1

- Rapid onset of symptoms
- Involvement of skin and/or mucosal tissue
- At least one of:
 - Respiratory compromise
 - Hypotension
 - Symptoms of end organ dysfunction

Anaphylaxis – 3 definitions

Definition #2

- Rapid onset of symptoms after likely allergen exposure
- Involvement of two or more of:
 - Skin/mucosal tissue
 - Respiratory compromise
 - Hypotension with associated consequences
 - Gastrointestinal symptoms

Anaphylaxis – 3 definitions

Definition #3

- Rapid onset of symptoms after likely allergen exposure
- Hypotension

Signs to consider in the crunch

Cutaneous

**Vasomotor
instability
mottling?**



Signs to consider in the crunch

Cutaneous

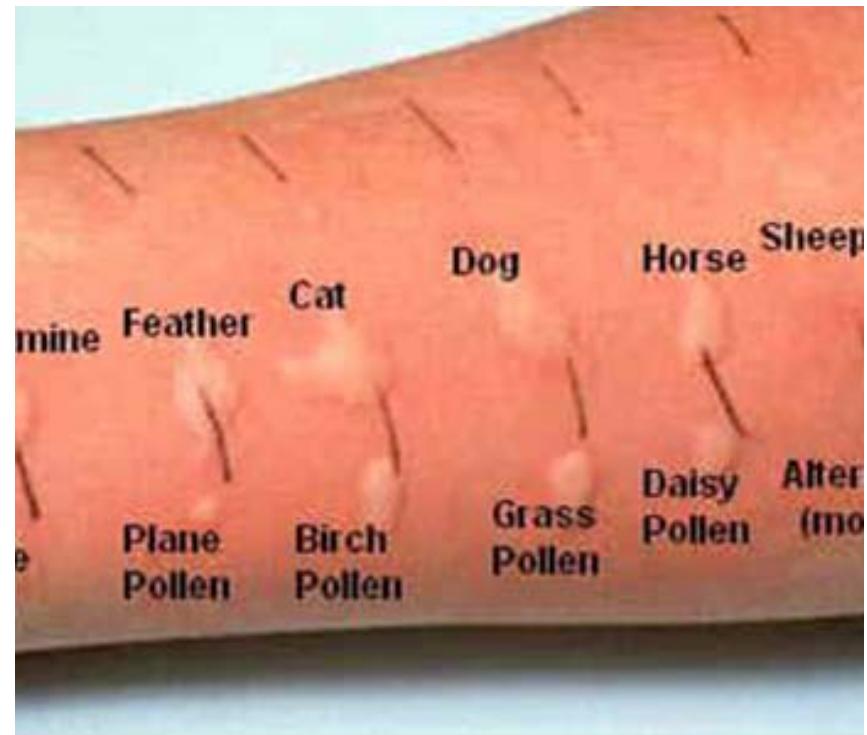
Urticaria?



Signs to consider in the crunch

Cutaneous

Urticaria
?? SHOT SITE ??



Skin Allergy Test

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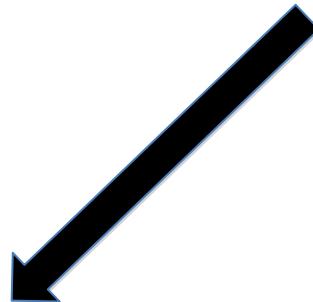
Cardiovascular

Bradycardia ?



Vasovagal attack

LIE DOWN - LEGS UP



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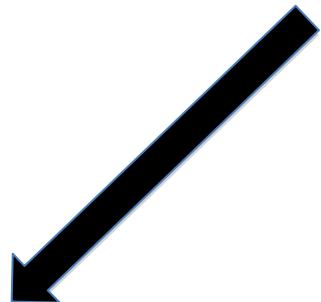
Tachycardia ?

(not isolated)



Possible anaphylaxis

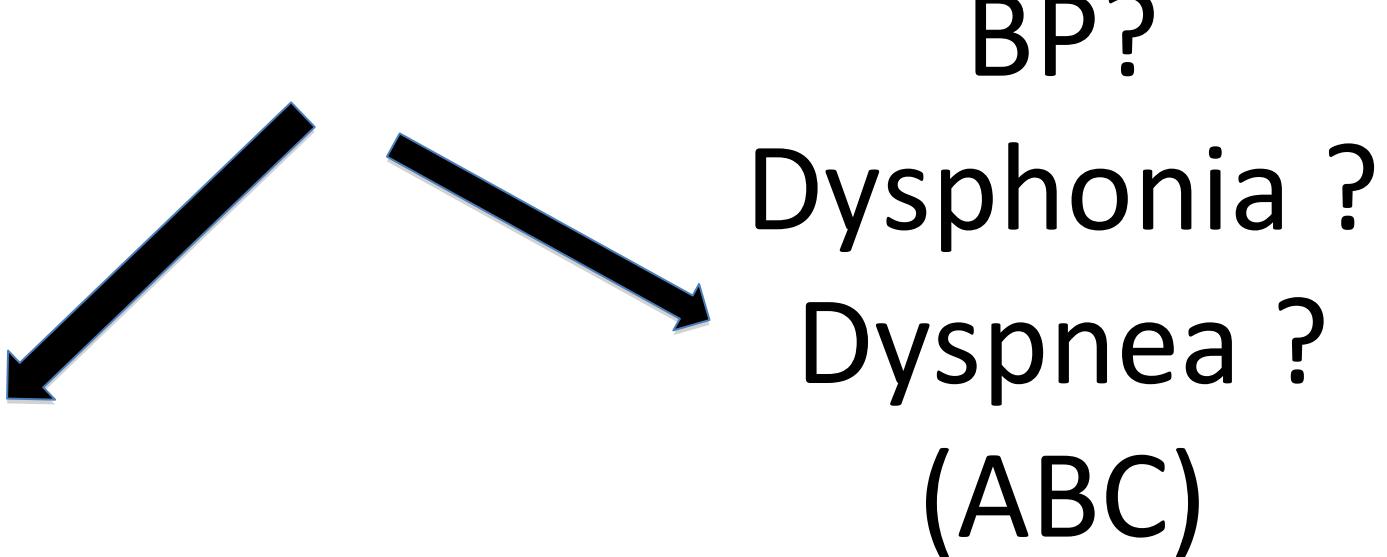
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Possible anaphylaxis



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Why an IgE trigger for a vaccine allergy is rare

- Need to have an atopic predisposition
- Need to have some personal immune maturity (> 6 -12 months)
- Need to be sensitized to the component
- Need to be above the threshold dose of the allergenic component
- IgG mediated mechanisms of murine anaphylaxis exist
- 40% of anaphylaxis is idiopathic

Default

Always adrenaline

Beware

Benadryl only