



### EpiPen® (epinephrine) – Authorized Generic Launch

- On December 16, 2016, [Mylan announced](#) the coming launch of its authorized generic (AG) version of [EpiPen \(epinephrine\)](#) auto-injector, for the treatment of life-threatening allergic reactions.
  - Mylan's AG product will be available in pharmacies next week, and has the same drug formulation and device functionality as brand EpiPen, and is administered in the same way.
- EpiPen is indicated in the emergency treatment of allergic reactions (Type I) including anaphylaxis to stinging insects (eg, order Hymenoptera, which include bees, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets and fire ants) and biting insects (eg, triatoma, mosquitoes), allergen immunotherapy, foods, drugs, diagnostic testing substances (eg, radiocontrast media) and other allergens, as well as idiopathic anaphylaxis or exercise-induced anaphylaxis.
  - EpiPen is also available as a lower strength prefilled autoinjection (EpiPen Jr®), intended for patients weighing 15 to 30 kg.
  - Epinephrine is also generically available as vials, ampules, and prefilled syringes; however, these products are not therapeutically equivalent to EpiPen.
- The wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) for generic EpiPen is \$300 per two-pack, which is more than 50% lower than the WAC for brand EpiPen.
- Mylan offers a copay program for the AG product, which includes a savings card for eligible patients with commercial health insurance. This program provides up to \$25 off the consumer out-of-pocket cost for each two-pack of the AG product, up to three two-packs per prescription.
- Mylan will also continue to maintain the My EpiPen Savings Card® for brand EpiPen.
- In October 2016, [Kaleo announced](#) that [Auvi-Q® \(epinephrine\)](#) will be reintroduced to the market the first half of 2017. Auvi-Q is indicated in the emergency treatment of allergic reactions (Type I) including anaphylaxis.



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