

and throat and that he is scratching. Jason says, "I'm having trouble breathing!" The school nurse is nearby and comes over to see what the commotion is about. One of the boys with Jason says, "We didn't mean any harm! We were just goofing around when we put peanuts in his trail mix." One of the student nurses says, "He's in obvious distress. What should we do?"

1. Evidence: Is there sufficient evidence to draw any conclusions at this time about Jason's condition?

2. Assumptions: Describe some underlying assumptions about the following:

a. Clinical manifestations of food allergy.

b. The emergency treatment of a food allergy "reaction," or anaphylaxis.

c. Which one of the following interventions would have highest immediate priority?

1. Call Jason's parents and ask them to come pick him up from school.

2. Call Jason's family practitioner to obtain orders for medication.

3. Promptly administer an intramuscular dose of epinephrine.

4. Call 911, and wait for the emergency response personnel to arrive.

d. Based on your answer to item 2c, identify the appropriate medication dosage for this child.