

Kristy Kinsale FRC

STANDING ORDER

HIVES

I. ASSESSMENT

- A. Obtain history of possible cause (food allergy, medication allergy, etc.)
- B. Take vital signs, including temperature, document presence of hives, location, amount.
- C. Assess respiratory status.

II. MANAGEMENT

- A. Give Benadryl 50 mg PO STAT, then 50 mg QID for two (2) days PRN as indicated.
- B. For localized itching, apply hydrocortisone cream topically.
- C. Notify Facility Provider for possible "allergy" to be added to the chart.

III. EVALUATION

- A. If breathing difficulties occur or anaphylaxis develops, call EMTs for immediate transport to emergency room.