

INCIDENCE and PREVALENCE

- Indicators:
 - prevalence of all suspected allergic reaction with medical assistance
 - prevalence of severe reactions
 - prevalence of severe anaphylaxis complicated by death
- Results from different ways: registres, allergy network, hospitals, ED, Schools

Prevalence in Emergency Departments

- Gaeta, 2007-Ann Allergy
12 millions allergic reactions over 12 years (1993 à 2004) in US
1% of all ED visits
1 million per year

12,400 anaphylaxis per year in ED

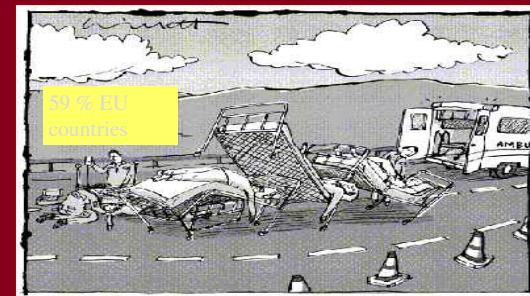
Pre hospital setting

- Ken, 2004-J Emerg Med : 10 US states
- no standardization of anaphylaxis definition
 - 2.8 millions calls to the regulation centre=0.34 to 0.82% for allergy/anaphylaxis
 - Adrenaline=1/10
 - Mortality=0 to 0.94%

Paramedics: American System



Pre Hospital System Franco-German Model



Mortality

- Review: 4 for 20,381 cases of anaphylaxis cared in ED=**2 for 10,000**
- Moneret-Vautrin, 2005-Allergy
0.65 to 2%=**1 to 3 for 1 million in Europe**
- Neugut, 2001-Arch Int Med : **20 pour 1 million in US**

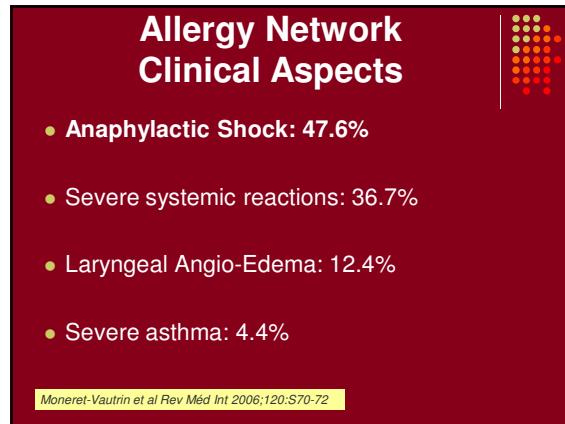
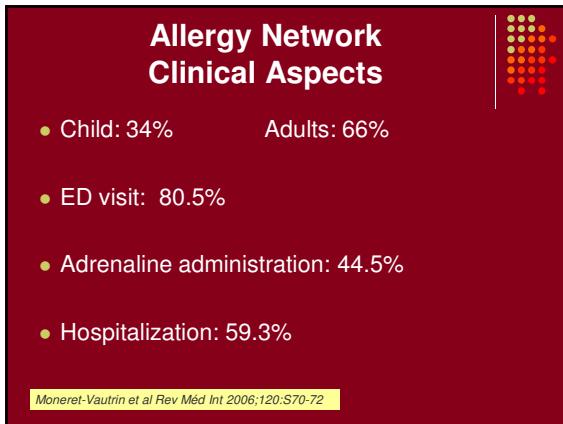
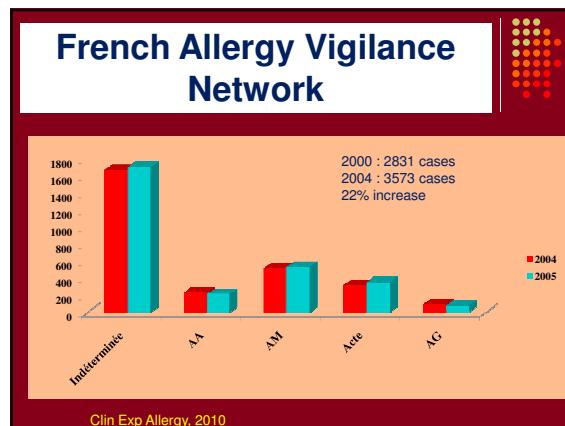
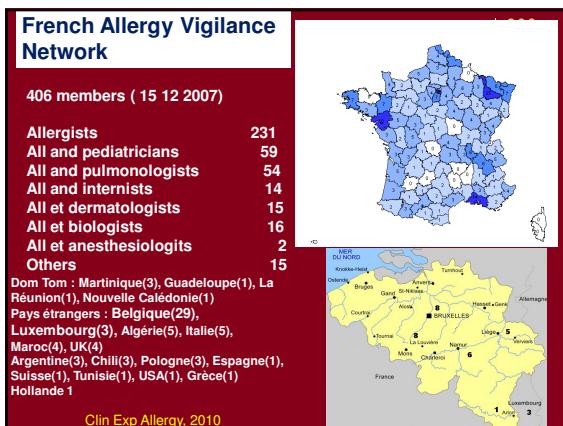
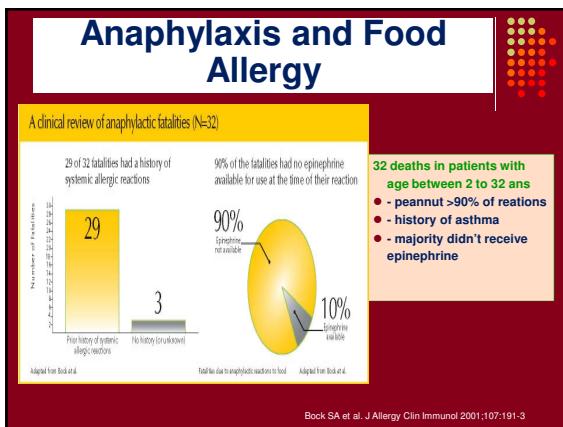
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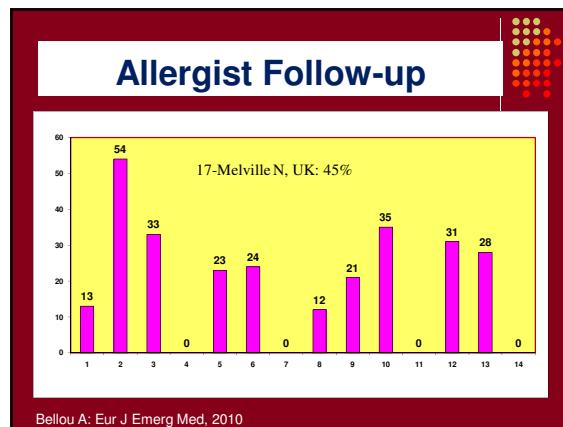
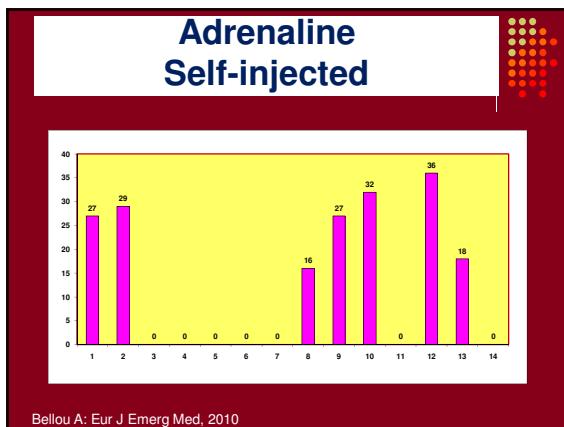
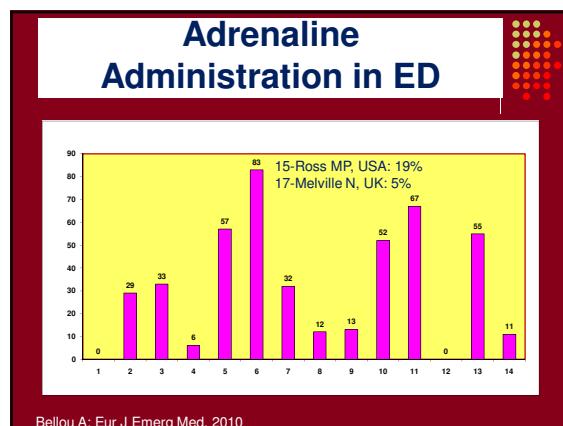
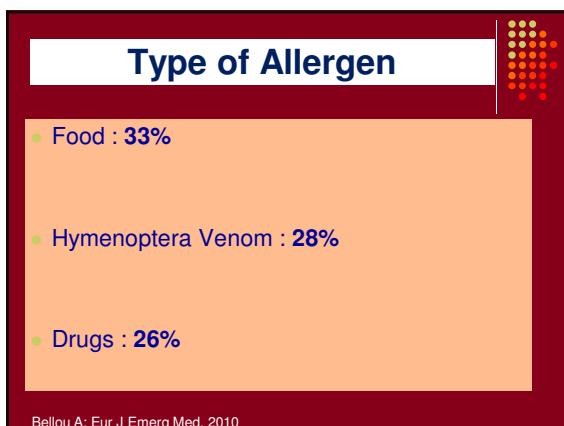
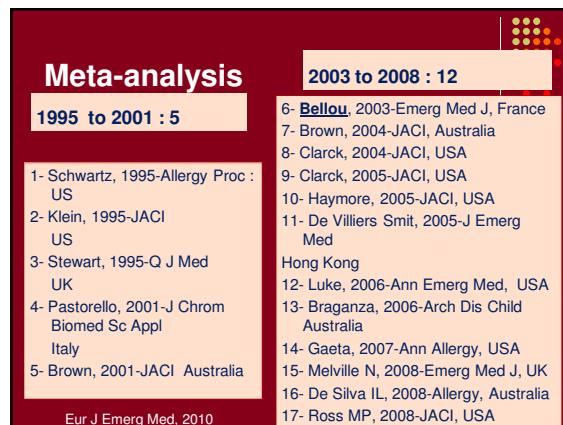
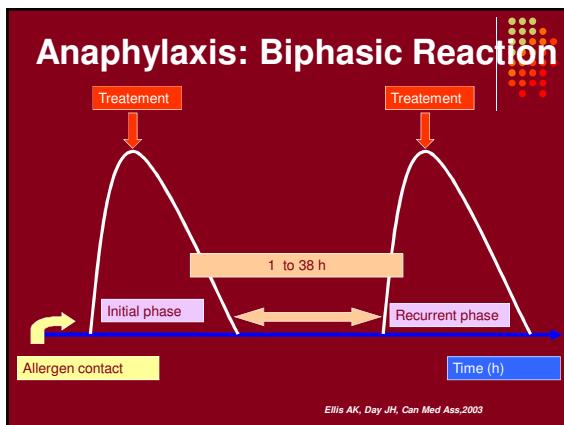
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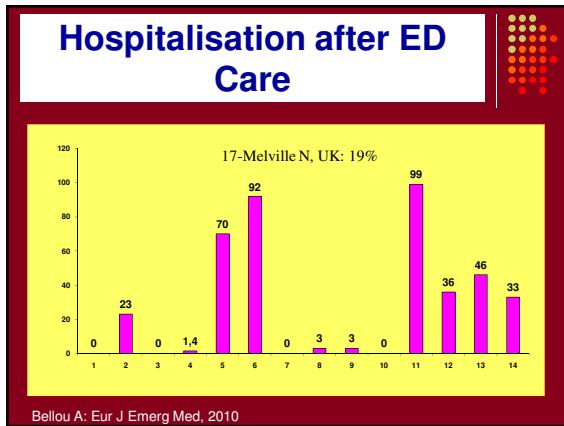
- Delayed adrenalin administration
- Beta blockers, convertase enzyme antagonists
- Asthma, co-morbidity
- Allergen introduced IV

90% of died patients had dyspnea before then cardiac arrest

Drug allergy=Shock is the main symptom







Summary

- 75 to 85% of anaphylaxis are cared in EDs +++
- 4 guideline recommendations not respected:
 - (1) **adrenaline at the acute phase,**
 - (2) **prescription of self-injected adrenaline,**
 - (3) **education of patient,**
 - (4) **follow-up by allergist**

GUIDELINES

- **Anaphylaxis network symposium:**
J Allergy Clin Immunol 2006 ;117 : 391-7

Definition : severe allergic reaction with sudden onset and risk of death

Diagnostic of Anaphylaxis

Criteria 1 : skin lesions and/or mucosa lesions (urticaria, itching or erythema, lips oedema or tongue-uvula edema). With one or more following signs :

- Respiratory troubles (dyspnea, bronchospasm, stridor, decreased of peak flow, hypoxia)
- Systolic BP<90 mmHg) ou organ dysfunction (hypotonia, syncope, incontinence)

Diagnostic of Anaphylaxis

Criteria 2 : 2 or more signs after exposition to a *probable allergen*:

- skin lesions and/or mucosa lesions (urticaria, itching or erythema, lips oedema or tongue-uvula edema). With one or more following signs :
- Respiratory troubles (dyspnea, bronchospasm, stridor, decreased of peak flow, hypoxia)
- Systolic BP<90 mmHg) ou organ dysfunction (hypotonia, syncope, incontinence)
- Persistent gastrointestinal troubles (abdominal pain, vomiting)

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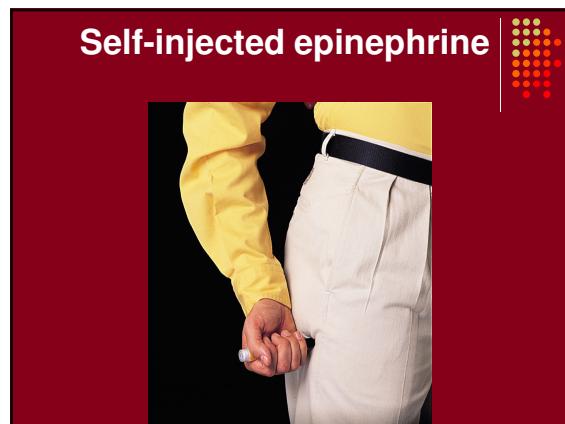
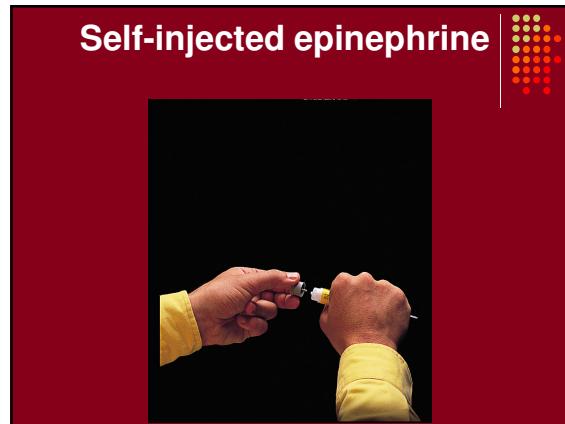
Criteria 3: Decrease of SBP< 90mmHg or more than 30% compared to basal in adults* after exposition to *known allergen*.

*In child decrease of SBP is defined as: SBP < 70 mmHg from 1 month to 1 year, below (70 mmHg + [2 x age]) from 1 to 10 years, <90mmHg from 11 to 17 years.

Guidelines

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Self-injected Adrenaline: cardiovascular or respiratory signs and know allergen
 Information of patient
 Allergy follow-up after ED visit
 Monitoring in ED: 8 to 24 h, hospitalisation for severe or recurrent anaphylaxis, asthmatic patient



Guidelines for ED Treatment

- Suspicion of severe anaphylaxis
- ABC
- Diagnostic (definition)
- 1^o line : Adrenaline + Fluid resuscitation: crystalloïds or saline 0.9%, adult 500 ml to 1000 ml (up to 4000ml), children 20ml/Kg

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Adrenaline

- **Adrenaline IM: dilution 1/1000**
 - Adult : **500 microgrammes (0,5ml)**
 - Child > 12 years: **500 microgrammes (0,5ml)**
 - Child 6 to 12 years: **300 microgrammes (0,3ml)**
 - Child < 6 years: **150 microgrammes (0,15ml)**

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Adrenaline

- IV: dilution 1/10000** (10 ml with 100 microgrammes/ml adrénaline), routinely used by EPs:
 - Adult: bolus of **50 microgrammes (0,5ml)**
 - Child: bolus of 1 microgramme/Kg
 - If repeated administration=perfusion by pump (1 to 4 microgrammes/min).

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Second line treatment

- Histamine antagonists**
Dexchlorpheniramine=against itching
- Corticosteroids**
Hydrocortisone-Methylprednisolone=prevent recurrent anaphylaxis

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Guidelines for ED Treatment

- Specific situations**

Glucagon : 1-2 mg every 5 min, resistance to adrenaline, patient treated by β blockers

Cardiac arrest :

- follow current guidelines
- fluid resuscitation=4 to 8l
- adrenaline : 1 to 3 mg IV (3min), 3 to 5 mg (3min),
4 to 10 microg/min pump perfusion

Positive Diagnosis in ED

- ♦ **Medical history to identify allergen**
- ♦ **Tryptase**
 - Specific for mast cells degranulation, confirm anaphylactic reaction
 - Still increased at 6th hour

Lieberman PL et al, J Allergy Clin Immunol 2005;115:S483-523

Biologic tests in anaphylaxis Kinetic

Legend:

- Plasma histamine (yellow line)
- Serum tryptase (green line)
- 24-hr Urinary histamine metabolite (grey shaded area)

T1 = after emergency treatment start, T2 = 1 to 2 h after T1 et T3 at 24 h in the ward. Put serum at -20°C.

CONCLUSION

- EPs : critical role=first line
- Improve knowledge in Allergy
- Use Adrenaline even without hypotension
- Collaboration with allergist is essential
- Develop research in anaphylaxis
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