

Real Reasons for the EpiPen Price Hike

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This week, EpiPen maker Mylan came under fire following complaints from consumers that the pharmaceutical company had raised the price of the emergency epinephrine injector by \$100 in recent months, up to a retail cost of more than \$600, and that the price has increased 450% since 2004. So what's really behind the EpiPen price hike?

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—Upon injection, will erase any memory you have of the existence of the movie *B.A.P.S.* (*Jameson*)

—Company has been renting corporate office space in Trump Tower. (*Brandon*)

—Spent a lot on R&D in a failed attempt to make the EpiPen "keisterable." (*Joe*)

—Payments to J. William Ferguson, the original copyright holder for the "EpiPen": a fenced-in area that would keep women from running away while waiting for a doctor to perform an episiotomy. (*Matt*)

—Well, the Clinton Foundation, obviously. (*Jameson*)

—Weird Al's hit parody of The Police, "Epi Shot You Take," has increased recreational EpiPen use by 8000%. (*Mike*)

—Realized what people were willing to spend for an iPhone; figured they'd pony up about the same amount for a portable stick that makes you not die. (*Jameson*)

—One can only assume Americans have figured out a way to use it for drugs and/or have sex with it. (*Brandon*)

—Latest version doubles as an FM radio antenna while not in use, so you can keep up with your jams! (*Jameson*)

—The EpiPen folks had a lot of money tied up in that horseshit *Ben-Hur* remake. (*Joe*)

—Serves as an emergency tranquilizer if you should happen to be attacked by Ray Liotta. (*Jameson*)

—Epinephrine is made of bee semen, and it takes a helluva lotta time to fill up a pen with bee semen. (*Matt*)

—Now comes with a plush "Mylan" doll, a fierce female warrior character who does not technically infringe on any Disney copyrights. (*Jameson*)

—Oddly enough, much of the price increase is Ticketmaster service fees. (*Brandon*)

—A lot harder to source its key ingredient, Harambe urine, these days. (*Jameson*)

—EpiPen demanded to be paid as much as longtime partner EpiTeller. (*Joe*)

—Pharmaceutical company needs to recoup all the money it spent lobbying to protect monopolies on certain medications. (*Jameson*)

—Surge in demand from foodies after Bobby Flay used one to baste a turkey. (*Brandon*)

—Also works as an iPad stylus. (*Jameson*)

—EpiPen is Latin for "gouge 'em". (*Dan*)

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