

CONSENT FOR ALLERGY INJECTION FOR STINGING INSECT (VENOM IMMUNOTHERAPY)

1. Allergy injections have been recommended as a treatment option for your allergy symptoms. The treatment program is a series of injections consisting of stinging insect venom depending on your individual allergies. They are generally administered weekly, beginning with a weak solution and then increased in concentration and amount until maintenance levels are reached in approximately 3½ months, at which time the injections are given every 4 to 6 weeks. This level is maintained approximately 4 to 5 years. The treatment program will be reviewed in 3 months, and at least once yearly thereafter, to evaluate progress. (If patients are receiving the injections at a different location, the program will be reviewed every 3 months for the first year).

2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

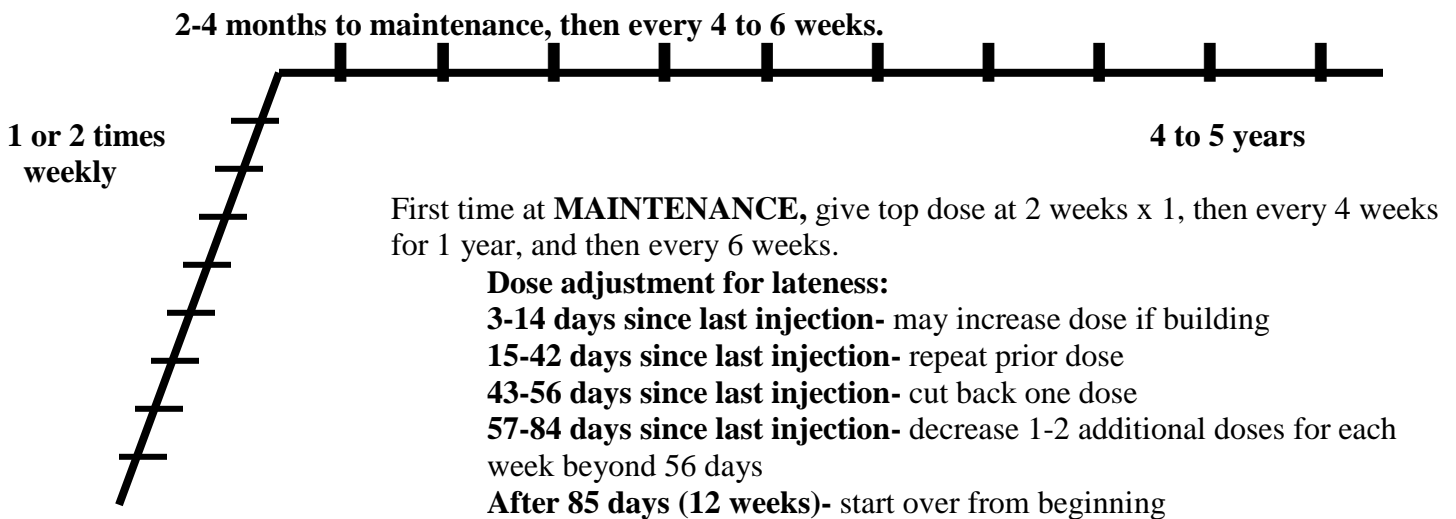
No vigorous exercise for approximately 1 hour before and 2 hours after injections.

Bring your epinephrine auto-injector to clinic and carry on day of injections.

Please tell us about problems encountered with previous injections.

You must wait in the office at least 30 minutes after receiving your injections.

3. If patient is late, it may effect the program. For example, if at maintenance level and more than 43 days have passed with no injection, the next injection dose will likely need to decrease. If more than 85 days have passed with no injection, patient needs to be seen and will need to restart from the beginning of the program.



4. REACTIONS

Reactions, though not expected, may occur after any injection. Usually this would occur within 30 minutes so it is imperative that you wait each time. Some swelling and redness at the injection site is normal. An ice pack will lessen the swelling. Large amounts of swelling greater than a quarter or redness lasting greater than 24 hours should be reported to the nurses. If symptoms of tightness in the throat or chest, coughing, wheezing, lightheadedness, faintness, nausea, stomach cramping, hives or generalized itching after leaving the clinic, use epinephrine and call 911. If experiencing mild symptoms such as sneezing, itchy eyes or runny nose, take an antihistamine and call Advancements in Allergy and Asthma Care, Ltd. (952-546-6866) or go to the emergency room. Very rare instances of death from allergy injections are reported.

*OUR OFFICE MUST BE INFORMED OF ALL REACTIONS OTHER THAN SMALL LOCAL REACTIONS AT THE SITE OF INJECTION.

5. ALLERGY INJECTIONS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN IF:

Your allergies or asthma are not well controlled or you are experiencing a flare.

You have a fever or other illness.

You are unable to wait 30 minutes after injections. Failure to remain in the clinic for the allotted time following allergy shots is inconsistent with your provider's advice and releases the clinic of any legal responsibility.

You have had or will have certain immunizations (like measles) within 48 hours of your allergy injections.

You are on a beta blocker medication. Beta blockers treat high blood pressure, migraines, and heart conditions. Please notify the nurses or allergist if you are taking these medications.

*Dosage adjustments may be made during pregnancy. Please notify us if you are pregnant.

6. Prepared extracts have expiration dates of 1-12 months. Please plan to start as soon as your extracts are ready.

Immunotherapy Treatment Consent

I understand the information above and was informed of the potential risks and possible alternative methods of treatment. I hereby authorize Advancements in Allergy and Asthma Care, Ltd. to prepare my immunotherapy program(s), administer my immunotherapy (allergy shots) and, if necessary, provide additional medications in the event of a potential adverse shot reaction.

By signing, you agree to start immunotherapy treatment and be billed for allergy extracts at the time our clinic mixes your extract(s). Payment for allergy extracts will remain your responsibility should you cancel your immunotherapy treatment.

Patient (or Parent/Guardian) signature

(Date)

(Printed name of parent/guardian)

(Provider)

(Nurse)

(Label)

Immunotherapy (Allergy Shots) Administrative Fee

For years our subcutaneous immunotherapy (allergy shots) programs, have been tremendously successful at helping patients achieve tolerance to allergens through our highly individualized immunotherapy (“IT”) treatment offerings. Our allergy shots can be helpful to control seasonal allergies, indoor allergies, insect sting reactions, and asthma. Our team enjoys helping patients manage their allergies and it is always our goal to safely administer our IT services while helping promote a more participatory and happy life for your families. Due to the wide variety of resources required to safely and efficiently offer our IT services, including administrative and other costs not directly associated with the medical care provided through IT, we have implemented an administrative fee for all IT patients. The administrative fee includes all non-covered services (non-covered services are not billable to insurance) that support the program. We will continue to bill your health insurance for covered services, such as allergy extracts, allergy shot injections, and any scheduled appointments, provider consultations, and testing.

Immunotherapy Administrative Fee:

\$100 new allergy shot and bee venom programs

\$50 refill allergy shot and bee venom programs

\$150 for a biologic shot program

FAQs and helpful information:

- **Why is there an administrative fee?**
Our IT programs have continued to evolve over the last several years. While our programs organized and plan out for our patients, a significant amount of time behind the scenes is spent administering and developing the program to ensure we are always ready for our patients. The administrative fee supports the administrative aspects of our IT operations that are not billed to insurance. While health insurance covers the program’s allergy shot extracts, injections, medical appointments, and testing, it does not provide reimbursement for the resources we need to operate the non-clinical and administrative aspects of the program
- **Do you still accept health insurance for IT services?**
Yes, we will continue to process health insurance billing of your IT medical services (e.g. allergy shot extracts, injections). Our clinic is contracted with all of the large payers in the state as well as many smaller payers
- **Does the administrative fee apply to all IT related programs?**
Yes, the fee applies to allergy shots, bee venom, and biologics
- **When is the administrative fee due?**
Your applicable IT Administrative Fee will be charged to your account and included on a future invoice
- **Can I use my FSA/HSA?**
Yes
- **What other forms of payment are accepted?**
We accept payment via credit card, check, money order, or cash. Online payments are preferred