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Skin Testing Information and Consent

1. Skin Testing

An allergy skin test is used to identify the substances that are causing your allergy symptoms. We will apply several extracts of common allergens to the skin and observe for a reaction. The reactions are then graded and confirmatory intradermal testing may be performed. This involves placing a small amount of extract under the skin of the upper arm. We then observe the reaction and record the results. On the day of testing please wear a short-sleeved shirt that can be pushed up comfortably to your shoulder. Allow 1-2 hours for your test session. You will need to stay on the premises during this time. Please do not bring children to your appointment.

2. Risks of Skin Testing

Bleeding and infection may occur due to abrading of the skin. Any time the skin integrity is broken it puts on at risk for infection. However, this is a rare occurrence. The antigens used for testing are sterile and approved by the FDA. Occasionally, skin testing can trigger a severe allergic reaction requiring treatment with medications and/or treatment in the ER. Patients with asthma are at increased risk for triggering an asthma attack during testing. You should not undergo testing if you feel that you have allergy or asthma symptoms are currently under poor control.

3. Contraindications to Skin Testing

Women who are **pregnant** or anyone who is currently taking **Beta-Blockers, Tricyclic Anti-depressants or MAOI's** medications will **NOT** be skin tested. Please be sure to inform us of ALL your medications **before** the skin test is applied. **NO anti-histamines, steroids, acid reducers/meds, or allergy medications AT LEAST 1 WEEK prior to testing.** For complete list of prohibited medications, review attached list at least one week prior to testing. Please ask if any questions on medications.

4. Patient Financial Responsibility

Payment is due at time of service. Insurance benefits will be obtained and an estimated patient responsibility will be calculated. This is only an estimation of cost, if insurance deems any additional patient responsibility after claim is processed, remaining balance will be the patient's responsibility.

5. Consent for Skin Testing

I understand the risks and benefits of skin testing and all questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I consent to skin testing and understand that I am financially responsible for all charges not covered by my medical insurance. I understand that the fees incurred for allergy testing will be my personal responsibility.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____



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ALLERGY HISTORY

Instructions

Carefully complete in full. Accuracy and thoroughness are essential. Print all answers. Relate all answers to your own experiences, not to previous advice on skin tests. This form must be completed prior to seeing the practitioner. *All information will be considered confidential.*

Name _____ DOB ____/____/____ Age ____

Please check problems you currently experience:

Runny Nose Sneezing Nasal Congestion Eye Problems
 Cough Wheezing Asthma Hives
 Rashes Food Sensitivities Sinus Infections Ear Infections
 Pneumonia Bronchitis Reflux

When did symptoms begin? _____

Worse during the day or night? _____

Check months most severe:

All months
 January April July October
 February May August November
 March June September December

Check items that affect your symptoms

Are your symptoms made worse by?

Wind Smoke Barns/Hay High pollution day
 Damp areas Soap Mowing Lawns Insecticides
 Dust Paint Fumes Perfumes Cosmetics
 Newspapers Weather change Wet weather Dry weather
 Cold day Air-conditioning Travel/Vacations Clorox
 Perfume Ammonia Cleanser Room deodorants
 Detergent Tobacco smoke Wax Exhaust

Previous Allergy Treatment

1. Have you ever had skin testing done? No Yes
If yes, by whom? _____ **Last Date Tested:** _____
2. Have you ever been treated with Allergy Shots? No Yes
If yes, what were you treated for?
 Grass Pollens Molds Weed pollens
 Tree Pollens Animals Dust



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3. Did the Allergy Shots help you? Yes No Don't know

4. What years were the shots taken? _____ to _____

Medical History

Asthma If so, ever hospitalized of asthma: _____

High Blood Pressure

What medication do you take to control it? _____

Recurrent Ear Infections Recurrent Sinus Infections Repeated Tonsillitis

Cancer: What type: _____

Heart Trouble: What kind: _____

Diabetes: Type I or II

Are you pregnant now? Yes No Last Period Date: _____

Actively trying to conceive? Yes No

Other Medical conditions not mentioned: _____

Pets

Which of these do you have as pets or exposed to:

Dog Cat Bird Horse Hamster

Rabbit Cows Other: _____

Is your condition worse around pets? Yes No

Specify: _____

Allergies to Medications: _____

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Practitioner Signature _____



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*****VERY IMPORTANT*****

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE TAKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEDICATIONS

**You cannot safely be tested if you are on Beta Blockers of any kind (these lists are NOT all inclusive).
Please inform the staff of any medications you are taking that would prevent you from being tested.**

BETA BLOCKERS

Beta Pace (sotalol)
Blocadren (timolol maleate)
Brevibloc injection (esmolol)
Cartol (carteolol)
Corgard (nadolol)
Corzide (nadolol)
Inderide (propranolol)
Inderide LA (propranolol)
Inderol (propranolol)
Kerlone (betaxolol hydrochloride)
Levatol (penbutolol sulfate)
Lopressor HCT (metoprolol)
Mormodyne (labetalol)
Mormozide (labetalol)
Sectral (acetabulol)
Tenoretic (atenolol)
Tenormin (atenolol)
Timolide (timolol maleate)
Toprol (metoprolol succinate)
Trandate HCT (labetrol)
Trandate HCT (labetrol)
Visken (bisoprolol fumarate)
Ziac (bisoprolol)

TOPICAL BETA BLOCKERS

Betagan Liquifilm (levobunolol hydrochloride)
Betoptic (betaxolol hydrochloride)
Ocupress (carteolol hydrochloride)
Timoptic (timolol maleate)

TRICYCLIC ANTIDEPRESSANTS

Adepin (doxepin hydrochloride)
Anafranil (clomipramine hydrochloride)
Elavil (amitriptyline pamoate)
(amitriptyline hydrochloride)
Etrafon (amitriptyline)
Ludiomil (maprotiline hydrochloride)
Norfranil (imipramine hydrochloride)
Norpramin (desipramine hydrochloride)
Pamelor (nortriptyline hydrochloride)
Sunequan (doxepin hydrochloride)
Surmontil (trimipramine maleate)
Tofranil (imipramine pamoate)
Triadapin (doxepin hydrochloride)
Triptil (protriptyline hydrochloride)
Vivactil (protriptyline hydrochloride)

MONOAMINE OXIDASE INHIBITORS

Marplan (isocarboxazid)
Nardil (phenelzine sulfate)
Parnate (tranlycypromine sulfate)

*****PLEASE DO NOT STOP ANY PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION WITHOUT CHECKING
WITH YOUR DOCTOR*****



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**REMEMBER TO STOP TAKING ANTIHISTAMINES, STEROIDS, ACID REFLUX MEDS AND
OTC ALLERGY MEDICATIONS AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT**

Allegra (fexofenadine)
Allegra D (fexofenadine)
Allergy eye drops (livostin, Patanol, Pazeo, etc)
Antacids (Tagamet, Zantac, Pepcid, Pepcid AC, Acid, not an all-inclusive list) [Nexium, Omeprazole ok]
Atarax
Benadryl prescription (diphenhydramine)
Benadryl (liquid or capsule form)
Claritin (loratidine)
Claritin D (loratidine)
Clarinx (desloratidine)
Chlor Trimeton
Chlorpheniramine maleate
Dexchlorpheniramine maleate
Dimetapp (brompheniramine maleate)
Diphenhydramine Hydrochloride
Periactin (cyproheptadine)
Phenergan (promethazine)
Promethazine HCL
Singulair
Steroids (Medrol dose pack, prednisone)
Tavist, Tavist -D (clemastine fumarate)
Trimeprazine tartrate
Tripolidine hydrochloride
Triaminic
Tripelemamine citrate or hydrochloride
Tylenol PM
Tylenol Allergy and Sinus or Cold and sinus
Vistaril (hydroxyzine)
Zyrtec (cetirizine)
Xyzal (levocetirizine)

ALL VITAMINS AND HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED AND STOPPED PRIOR TO TESTING.
ESPECIALLY ST. JOHN'S WART AND GOLDENSEAL.

STOP ALL HERBAL ALLERGY SUPPLEMENTS 1 WEEK PRIOR TO TESTING.