



Safety is Our #1 Concern

10 million allergy injections are given annually with many patients experiencing dramatic relief with this proven method of allergy control. Allergy shots decrease sensitivity to allergens which often leads to lasting relief of allergy symptoms even after treatment is stopped. This makes it a cost-effective and beneficial treatment option for many people.

Allergy shots increase your tolerance to the harmful allergen by injecting gradually increasing doses of the offending allergen extract. The immune system builds up a tolerance to that allergen. You can think of each shot as adding a brick to the wall of protection against the things that trigger your allergies.

Initially, allergy injections are given once or twice weekly during the build-up phase. After the initial build-up, you will enter into the maintenance phase. Once you reach this phase, injections can then be spread up to every four weeks.

Due to the possibility of having a reaction, allergy shots should be administered in a doctor's office and supervised by a specialized physician. The facility needs to be equipped with the proper staff and equipment to identify and treat adverse reactions. Typical reactions are redness and swelling at the injection site. In some instances, symptoms can include increased allergy symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, nasal congestion, throat clearing, itching, or hives.

Serious reactions are rare. However, one time out of two million (close to the same odds as winning the Lottery) a patient could have an anaphylactic response which could be fatal. Systemic reactions can occur in 3 out of 1000 patients. These reactions are easily treated in the office with an antihistamine and epinephrine.

Research shows these rare reactions almost always occur within 20 - 30 minutes after the patient has received their immunotherapy. This is why it is required you wait in the doctor's office after receiving your injection. The responsible person accompanying a minor will also have to remain with them in the office during this wait time. Some patients with complicating conditions (venom/fire ant injections) are asked to wait a full 30 minutes. During this waiting period, it is important to notify the staff if you experience any new symptoms so that our nurses and doctors can address them immediately.

This is for YOUR SAFETY!

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