



McKinley Health Center

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Name:
UIN:
Date:

Allergy Injection Therapy Information

The patient listed above has requested McKinley Health Center to administer ongoing allergen immunotherapy ordered by you. We are pleased to do so as an agent for you. All initial allergy injections must be completed at the allergist's office. We do not perform vial testing or dilution of vials. We do not administer biological injections.

ORDERS

To facilitate this process, please complete the fillable PDF allergy injection order form or provide us with orders to safely administer allergy injections to our mutual patient. After we receive completed orders, the student will be contacted to schedule an appointment in the Allergy Clinic. McKinley Health Center accepts allergy injection therapy orders from Board Certified Allergists.

VIALS

Serum is accepted from allergists or supplier Monday-Thursday during regular business hours during the academic year. Each vial of allergy serum should be labeled with patient name, DOB, dilution, vial number, expiration date, extract name(s) and prescriber's name. Inadequately labeled vials are considered potentially unsafe and will be returned. Vials that are damaged or with cloudy contents will also be returned. McKinley Health Center returns serum to the allergist via commercial carrier overnight. We do not ship serum on ice or in a cooler.

OUR PRACTICES

- We do not accept serum hand carried to our clinic, nor do we release serum to students. Serum is accepted from the allergists offices and is returned to the allergist office from McKinley Health Center. We do not ship serum on ice.
- We perform a health screening prior to administering injections to include any adverse reactions from last injections, pre-medication, current asthma or allergy symptoms, illness or fever in the past 24 hours, significant health status change or any recent or planned injections. Patients must be able to take an antihistamine to receive allergy injections at McKinley Health Center. Patients must have an epinephrine auto injector. Patients without an epi pen will be prescribed one by one of McKinley Health Center's providers. Patients are responsible for the cost of the epi pen.
- We adhere to the allergen immunotherapy practice parameters of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.
- We do not administer injections unless one of our physicians or advanced practice providers is on site. Patients who we serve agree to stay at least 30 minutes after each injection unless you specify a longer period. We keep allergy serum in a temperature-monitored refrigerator that alerts us remotely if it goes out of range. We do not administer expired allergy serum. We must have completed orders signed by a board-certified allergist from your facility (*which can be faxed to 217-244-3067*). When we need an order clarification from you, we will not perform your patient's injections until we receive this. Please expect our nurses to read back your telephone orders to provide you with an opportunity to verify their accuracy.
- McKinley Health Center has a list of dangerous abbreviations as supported within the medical field. These abbreviations cannot be accepted on orders or other documentation. Trailing zeroes cannot be used for whole number amounts (2.0 is unacceptable, 2 is correct). Decimal fractions must have a leading zero (.05 is unacceptable, 0.05 is correct). This practice helps us to prevent errors caused by decimal placement. Should your office use an abbreviation on our do-not-use list, we will call you for clarification.
- When patients return from their seasonal breaks, they are often late for their next injection. If you provide us up front with late schedules and minimal dosing schedules for your patient, we will not need to call you as often for orders.
- Please note that although a physician is always available during our scheduled allergy hours, McKinley Health Center is a student health center with limited emergency resources. If your patient experiences severe reactions beyond the scope of our services, they will be evaluated by our physician and transferred to a community emergency facility for further treatment at their expense. After such a reaction, students are required to receive their next allergy injection from their primary allergist before resuming allergy injections at McKinley Health Center.

Thank you for your cooperation.