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RE-ORDERS MAY TAKE 15-20 BUSINESS DAYS, ESPECIALLY DURING HOLIDAYS

SERUM ORDER FORM

Please fill out this form and send WITH injection logs. Otherwise, your order may be delayed.

PATIENT'S NAME:			BIRTH DATE
PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER:			
FACILITY WHERE GETTING IN.	ECTIONS:		
WHERE SERUM IS TO BE	SENT:		
NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY, STATE, ZIP:			
DAYTIME PHONE NO:			
NOTES:			
GUIDELINES F	OR ALLERGY INJECTIONS ARI	E ON THE OTHER S	IDE OF THIS SHEET
LABELS:	FOR BAYSIDE ALLER	RGY USE ONLY	
VIAL COLORS:	(G/T)	VIAL NO:	Build Up/Maintenance
	(W/M/M)	DOSE:	
	()	DATE SENT:	INITIALS:
LAST OV:	INS CHECKED:		BALANCE:
DATE CHARGED:	QUANTITY:		INITIALS:

GUIDELINES FOR ALLERGY INJECTIONS

DO:

- Keep serum refrigerated- DO NOT FREEZE
- Use regular bevel 27g ½ " 1cc syringe
- Give injections subcutaneously, normally in the upper-outer arm
- Alternate arms/injection sites each visit
- Observe the patient for at least **20 minutes** after injections
- Instruct the patient to avoid strenuous exercise for <u>2 hours</u> after injections
- Have Epinephrine available in case of a systemic reaction

DO NOT:

- Give injections if the patient is wheezing, has a fever or is acutely ill
- Give injections without the <u>immediate</u> availability of a physician
- Massage or rub the injection site
- Aspirate when giving the injections
- Give injections intramuscularly

SERUM DOSING (Non-maintenance/Build-up):

- Begin with vial #5 (unless instructed otherwise). Begin with the dose indicated on the log sheets. Each dose
 thereafter may be given once or twice weekly with at least one day in between injections, and no more than twice
 weekly.
- There are normally 6 doses from each set of vials. After completing the 6th dose (0.05 cc), proceed to the next set of vials (one number lower than the previous), and begin again at 0.05 cc.
- While the serum dosage is being increased (build-up to the interval/schedule for injection dosing should be as follows:
 - Less the 10 days...proceed as indicated
 - o Greater than 10 days, but less than 14 days...repeat previous dose
 - o Greater than 14 days, but less than 21 days...decrease dose by 0.10cc
 - o If greater than 21 days...call our office to advise on dose

SERUM DOSING (Maintenance)

- Maintenance is normally reached when the patient reaches a dose of 0.50 in the #1 vials, however some patients may need to maintain at a different dose and you will be given further instructions in that case.
- Maintenance injections normally begin at an interval of every 2 weeks and will continue at that until further notice is given by the physician. If the patient goes longer than instructed, then dosing should be as follows:
 - 14-21 days...proceed as indicated
 - o Greater than 21 days, but less than 28 days...decrease dose by 0.10cc and have patient return in one week for maintenance dose.
 - o Greater than 28 days...call our office to advise on dose

GUIDELINES FOR REACTIONS TO ALLERGY INJECTIONS

Local Reactions:

Reactions at the injection site, characterized by redness, swelling, localized itching, and welts up to a half-dollar size
are not uncommon. You may instruct the patient to take an antihistamine 1 hour prior to injections and use ice as
needed after the injections.

Systemic reactions:

Systemic reactions are characterized by hives, acute onset of allergy symptoms or asthma, cyanosis, flushing, perspiration, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, or fainting. If a systemic reaction occurs inject 0.01cc/kg to a maximum of 0.3cc of Epinephrine subcutaneously and repeat if necessary after 5 minutes. The patient may require further emergency treatment and should be transferred to the appropriate facility. Consult our office after any systemic reaction for instructions on next dose of injections.