

ALLERGY HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE
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MEDICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Benadryl and other store brand antihistamines and decongestants must be stopped three days prior to skin testing. Antihistamines that need to be stopped for 7 days prior to testing are Xyzal, Zyrtec, Claritin, Clarinex, and Allegra. If you have concerns stopping any of your medications, please contact our office at (406) 728-6472.

Please complete this questionnaire and bring it with you to your appointment. If the question does not apply to the patient, fill in "NA".

Patient Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____
Parents Name (if patient is a child): _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Referring Physician: _____

A) **Reason for Evaluation**

1) Please summarize briefly your MAIN concerns (This is the most important question.):

2) What symptoms do you feel may be due to allergy? _____
3) Age symptoms began _____

B) **If patient wheezes, complete the following:**

1) With what symptoms does the wheezing problem begin? _____
2) List the symptoms which then appear in order of occurrence: _____
3) At what age did the wheezing begin? _____
4) Has it improved? _____ Worsened? _____ To what do you attribute this? _____
5) When do the symptoms seem worse? All Year _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____ Winter _____
6) Wheezing episodes occur _____ days per week during wheezing periods.
7) When does the wheezing usually occur? Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Evening _____
8) How long does the wheezing period last? _____
9) How often are there **severe wheezing** episodes? _____ How long do the severe episodes last? _____
10) Check the items which apply: Occasional wheezing _____ Frequent wheezing _____ Constant wheezing _____ Cough leading to wheezing _____
Fever with wheezing _____ Wheezing with exertion _____ Chest pain with wheezing _____
11) What medications have been used to control the wheezing and how effective is each? _____
12) Did any medications cause any problems? _____
13) Has any of the following been given to control the wheezing? Adrenalin _____ Cortisone or cortisone-like drugs _____
14) Has the severity of an attack required hospitalization? No _____ Yes _____ When? _____ Where? _____
What was the treatment? _____

C) **Nose**

1) Check the items which apply to nasal symptoms: Itching of nose or mouth _____ Nasal congestion _____ Clear nasal discharge _____
Colored nasal discharge _____ Fever with symptoms _____ Mouth breathing _____ Constant clearing of the throat _____ Sneezing _____
Bad breath _____ Post nasal drip _____ Loss of smell _____ Nasal polyps _____ Snoring _____ Sinus infections _____
2) At what age did these symptoms start? _____
3) When do the symptoms seem worse? All year _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____ Winter _____
4) What medications have been used to control these symptoms and how effective is each? _____

D) **Infections**

- 1) How many "colds" occur per year? _____ With wheezing? _____
- 2) How often does tonsillitis occur each year? _____ With wheezing? _____ Has patient had tonsillectomy? (yr) _____ Adenoidectomy? (yr) _____
- 3) Have there been episodes of: Croup? _____ Bronchiolitis? _____ Bronchitis? _____ Pneumonia? _____ Chest Infections (date of last) _____
- 4) What antibiotics have been used to treat infections? _____
- 5) List any antibiotics the patient is allergic to or has had any unusual side effects to: _____

(E) **Headaches**

- 1) Seldom _____ Occasionally _____ Frequent _____

(F) **Eye Complaints**

- 1) Check symptoms that apply to patient: Frequent itching _____ Frequent redness and tearing _____ Swelling of eye lids _____ Discharge from eyes _____ Sensitivity to light _____ Blurring of vision _____ Burning sensation _____
- 2) How often have these symptoms been a problem within the past year? _____

(G) **Ear Complaints**

- 1) Check symptoms that apply to patient: Frequent earaches _____ Loss of hearing _____ Ear infections _____ Dizziness _____

(H) **Skin**

- 1) Check symptoms that apply to patient: Eczema _____ When? _____ Due to what? _____ Recurrent Rash _____ Hives _____ When? _____ Due to what? _____ Frequent skin infections (impetigo) _____ Dry or itchy skin? _____

(I) **Foods**

- 1) Check any of the following that foods cause: Itching of the lips or mouth _____ Itching of the skin _____ Hives _____ Eczema _____ Rash _____ Headaches _____ Runny Nose _____ Nausea/vomiting _____ Wheezing _____ Stomach cramps _____ Diarrhea _____ Other _____
- 2) Have any foods been eliminated from the diet? _____
- 3) Did this change the severity of symptoms? _____
- 4) Is there a large intake of any particular food or beverage? _____

(J) **Precipitating factors of coughing, wheezing, nasal congestion, or sneezing**

- 1) Check the items or situations that will cause any of the above symptoms to start or become worse:

_____ outdoors	_____ home/indoors	_____ cosmetics/perfume	_____ January
_____ wet weather	_____ cleaning house	_____ hairspray	_____ February
_____ dry clear weather	_____ contact with old furniture	_____ hair shampoos/rinses	_____ March
_____ change from clear to rainy	_____ attic/basement	_____ hand/facial lotions	_____ April
_____ change from rainy to clear	_____ air conditioning	_____ body/facial powders	_____ May
_____ sudden change in temp	_____ contact with dogs or cats	_____ toothpaste/tooth powder	_____ June
_____ onset of cold weather	_____ contact with other animals	_____ aspirin	_____ July
_____ change in humidity	_____ contact with feathers/wool	_____ laundry soap powder	_____ August
_____ sudden chilling	_____ newly mowed grass	_____ flour dust	_____ September
_____ cold feet	_____ while on vacation	_____ insect dust/sprays	_____ October
_____ exertion	_____ seashore	_____ fertilizers	_____ November
_____ fatigue	_____ boat/airplane ride	_____ smoke or odors	_____ December
_____ laughing	_____ school/work/recreation	_____ old leaves	
_____ coughing	_____ being in the woods/mountains	_____ flowers	
_____ emotional upset	_____ car ride	_____ road dust	
_____ child discipline	_____ other	_____ same everywhere	

- 2) Does anything from the list above (or anything else) cause improvement or worsening of symptoms? _____

(K) **Problems the symptoms create for the patient:**

- 1) Is there limitation of work? _____ exercise? _____ play? _____
- 2) Due to what symptoms? _____
- 3) How many work/school days were missed during the past year due to this problem? _____
- 4) Have there been any long periods of freedom from symptoms? _____
- 5) To what do you attribute this? _____
- 6) Is there any place where the patient is symptom free? _____

(L) **Residence when onset of symptoms occurred**

- 1) State _____ Date of residence _____
- 2) Symptoms were: Seasonal _____ Year round _____ How severe? _____

(M) **Previous allergy evaluations**

- 1) Place evaluated before _____ Date _____
- 2) What were the results? _____
- 3) Have allergy injections been received in the past? No _____ Yes _____ Give the start and stop dates of desensitization _____ to _____
- 4) What was the composition of allergy injections? _____
- 5) Was there improvement after taking allergy injections for a period of time? No _____ Yes _____
- 6) Other studies done: _____

(N) **Allergic Reactions**

- 1) What type of reaction occurs when stung by a bee or wasp? _____
- 2) List drug allergies or intolerances: 1) _____ 2) _____
- 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

(O) **Personal Medical History**

- 1) List any other medical conditions: 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____
- 2) Does the patient have a heart condition or heart arrhythmia? (Please specify) _____
- 3) Check immunizations that have been completed: DPT series _____ Polio series _____ MMR _____ Hepatitis B series _____
- Varicella _____ Hib series _____

(P) **Family History**

- | | Father | Mother | Brothers | Sisters |
|--|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| 1) Age | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2) Hay fever | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3) Asthma | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4) Eczema | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5) Hives | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6) Sinus trouble | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7) Heart Condition | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8) Does any member of the family have a chronic illness? (specify) | _____ | | | |
| 9) List any other medical problems you feel may be of importance. | _____ | | | |
| 10) Is there any family member deceased? _____ Cause? _____ | | | | |
| 11) Does any illness seem to occur on either side of the family? _____ | | | | |

(Q) Environmental History (where patient lives and what he is exposed to)

- 1) Residence: Check which applies to your home. Urban _____ Rural _____ Farm _____ Older House _____ Newer House _____ Apartment _____
- 2) Does home have an attic? (describe) _____ basement? (describe) _____
- 3) Is home near a factory? (describe) _____ farm? (describe) _____ fields or wooded areas (describe) _____
- 4) Type of trees in your yard and neighborhood? _____
- 5) Type of grass, flowers, or shrubs in the yard? _____
- 6) Check which applies to the residence's heating system: central _____ hot water _____ electric _____ gas _____ wood _____
- 7) Check which applies to the residence's cooling system: none _____ central AC _____ window unit AC _____ swamp cooler _____
- 8) What kind of pets are in/out of the home? _____
- 9) What kind of house plants are in the home? _____
- 10) Does anyone smoke in the home or car? Yes _____ No _____ Specify _____
- 11) Is there any place in the home where patients symptoms are worse? _____
- 12) Check the following that pertain to the patient's bedroom: heat or cooling vents _____ overstuffed furniture _____ stuffed toys _____ cosmetics/powders/hairspray _____ scented products (e.g. candles, potpourri) _____ out of season clothes in closet _____ airtight covers for pillows/mattress _____
- 13) Check and describe type for any of the following items that are in the patient bedroom:
 Carpet/rug pad: _____
 Throw rugs: _____
 Curtains: _____
 Mattress: _____
 Pillows: _____
- 14) Number of beds in room: _____ Number of persons sleeping in room _____
- 15) Is there mold growing anywhere in the house (describe)? _____
- 16) Is there anything in your house or yard/around residence that has not been mentioned that you think is significant in contributing to the patient's symptoms? _____
- 17) What changes have you implemented to the patient's environment to improve his/her symptoms? _____

(R) Other Comments: