ALLERGY TESTING CONSENT FORM

Patient Name:	Date of Birth:	
introducing small a noting the develop flare in the surrour	n tests are methods of testing for allergic antibodies. A test consists of amounts of the suspected substance, or allergen, into the skin and ment of a positive reaction, which consists of a wheal, swelling, or ading area of redness. The results are read at 15 to 20 minutes after the allergen. The skin test methods are:	
already b) <u>Intraderi</u>	ethod - The skin is pricked with a needle where a drop of allergen has been placed. mal Method - This method consists of injecting small amounts of an into the superficial layers of the skin.	
results with the par	nical significance of skin tests requires skillful correlation of the test tient's clinical history. Positive tests indicate the presence of allergic not necessarily correlated with clinical symptoms.	
foods. These inclu	will be tested to important airborne allergens and possibly some de trees, grasses, weeds, molds, dust mites, animal danders, and ds. The skin testing generally takes 45 minutes.	
also be performed skin tests are nega sensitivity to one of release into the sk reactions will grade	as percutaneous) tests are usually performed on your back but may on your arms. Intradermal skin tests may be performed if the prick ative and are performed on your arms. If you have a specific allergic of the allergens, a red, raised, itchy bump (caused by histamine in) will appear on your skin within 15 to 20 minutes. These positive ually disappear over a period of 30 to 60 minutes and, typically, no sary for this itchiness.	
Occasionally, local swelling at a test site will begin 4 to 8 hours after the skin tests are applied, particularly at sites of intradermal testing. These reactions are not serious and will disappear over the next week or so. They should be measured and reported to your physician at your next visit. You may be scheduled for skin testing to antibiotics, caines, venoms, or other biological agents. The same guidelines apply		
REACTIONS . Skin testing will be administered at with a medical physician or other health care professional present since occasional reactions		

may require immediate therapy. These reactions may consist of any or all of the

following symptoms: itchy eyes, nose, or throat; nasal congestion; runny nose; tightness in the throat or chest; increased wheezing; lightheadedness; faintness; nausea and vomiting; hives; generalized itching; and shock, the latter under extreme circumstances.

Please let the physician and nurse know if you are pregnant or taking beta-blockers. Allergy skin testing may be postponed until after the pregnancy in the unlikely event of reactions to the allergy testing, and beta-blockers are medications that may make the treatment of the reaction to skin testing more difficult.

Please note that these reactions rarely occur but in the event a reaction would occur, the staff is fully trained and emergency equipment is available.

After skin testing, you will consult with your physician or other health care professional who will make further recommendations regarding your treatment.

We request that you do not bring small children with you when you are scheduled for skin testing unless they are accompanied by another adult who can sit with them in the reception room.

I acknowledge that I have read this consent form and understand it. The opportunity has been provided for me to ask questions regarding the potential side effects of allergy skin testing and these questions have been answered to my satisfaction. Alternatives to the skin tests have also been fully explained to me. I understand that every precaution consistent with the best medical practice will be carried out to protect me against such reactions.

Patient Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	_
Parent/Guardian Signature:*	Date:
Print Name:	_
Witness Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	_

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^{*}As parent or legal guardian, I understand that I must accompany my child throughout the entire procedure and visit.