

Dear Patient,

We look forward to helping you treat the cause of your allergies and working toward a better quality of life. Please take a moment to read over the following information:

**Background on Allergy Drops, also known as Sublingual Immunotherapy.**

The substances that trigger a patient’s allergies are called allergens. Immunotherapy is a treatment where small amounts of these allergens are delivered by injection (needle) or sublingually (under the tongue via allergy drops) to alter the patient’s immunity. Some doctors call this an “allergy vaccine,” and the goal is to develop tolerance to the allergens that cause your symptoms.

Dozens of research studies show that allergy drops are a safe, effective form of immunotherapy. Allergy drop treatment takes 3-5 years for most patients to complete, however, some patients may respond differently based upon the severity of their allergies. Like injection immunotherapy, a small percentage of patients may not respond well or at all to allergy drop treatment, or the allergy drop treatment may even worsen symptoms. Please consult with your physician immediately if this occurs, or if you decide to discontinue treatment for any reason.

The allergens used for allergy drops are the same as those used for injections. However, the FDA has specifically approved the allergens for injection use. Using them for allergy drops (sublingually) is considered an “off-label” use. Off-label use in the US healthcare delivery system is a legitimate, legal and common practice.

**OUR FINANCIAL POLICY:**

Because allergy drops are an off-label use, insurers typically do not cover them. Based upon the policies of local and national insurance companies, we will not submit claims for drops to your insurance company. **You will be responsible for the cost of drops. Payment by cash or credit card only is required prior to placing the order for the drops.** We will submit claims for all other services to your insurance company, including but not limited to, office visits and procedures.

*Please sign and date below acknowledging that you have read and agree with our financial policy, that you understand that allergy drops are an off-label use of an FDA-approved biologic, that you have been given ample opportunity to ask questions, and that any questions were answered satisfactorily. You also acknowledge that you have been given no guarantee or assurance as to the results that may be obtained from allergy drops.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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