

FOOD ALLERGY

Epidemiology & Management

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Objectives

- Overview
- Allergy Or Intolerance ?
- Pathophysiology
- Common Allergen
- Clinical Manifestation
- Diagnosis
- Management
- Prognosis & Prevention
- Take Home Messages





Overview

Globally

- The World Allergy Organisation (WAO) estimate of allergy prevalence of the whole population by country ranges between 10 - 40% (**Pawankar R, et al, 2013**)
- More than 150 million Europeans suffer from chronic allergic diseases and the current prediction is that by 2025 half of the entire EU population will be affected (**EAACI, 2016**)



Overview

- ✓ Food allergy is a an adverse immunologic (IgE – mediated) response to a dietary protein.
- ✓ Approximately 6% of children & 4% of adults Affected.
- ✓ More than 170 foods reported to provoke IgE-mediated reactions.
- ✓ Costly, potentially life-threatening condition with Risk of severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and death can occur.
- ✓ Annually, approximately 200 deaths in the USA attributed to food allergy
- ✓ My confused with non-IgE mediated reaction.

The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network. , 2010•

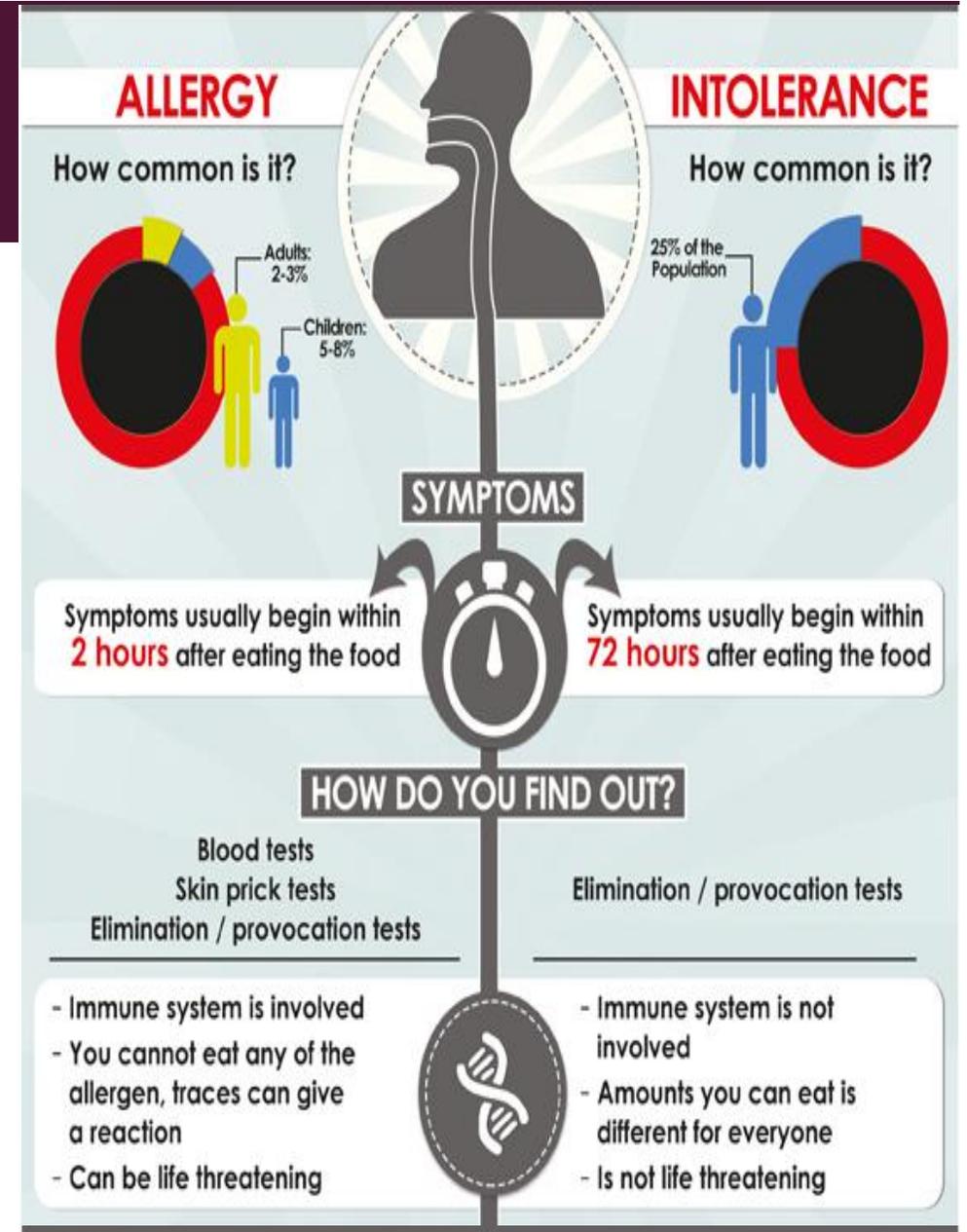
Is It Allergy Or Intolerance ?

Food Allergy

Food allergy is a serious and potentially life-threatening medical condition due to adverse immune response on exposure to a given food.

Food Intolerances

foods or food components elicit reproducible adverse reactions without immunologic mechanisms.



- It is the protein component, not the fat or carbohydrate component, of these foods that leads to sensitization and allergy. The allergenic segments or **“epitopes”** of these proteins tend to be small (10 to 70 kd in size), water-soluble glycoproteins that are generally **resistant to denaturation by heat or acid** and, therefore, can remain intact even after **processing, storage, cooking and digestion**
- **Examples of these glycoproteins include**
 - Caseins in milk,
 - Vicillins in peanut,
 - Ovomuroid in egg.



PATHOPHYSIOLOGY SPECTRUM OF FOOD ALLERGY DISORDER

- Food-induced allergic disorders are broadly categorized into

IgE-mediated:

- Oral allergy syndrome
- Urticaria/angioedema
- Anaphylaxis

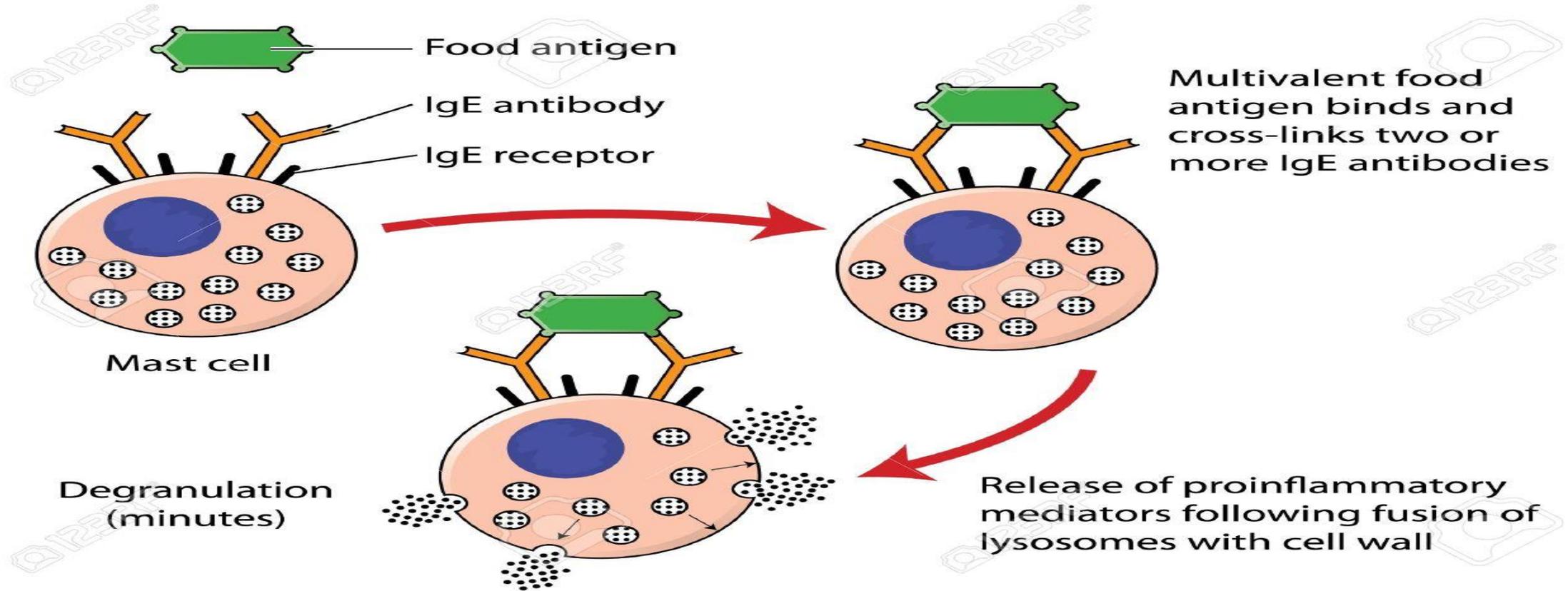
Mixed IgE-/cell-mediated:

- Atopic dermatitis
- Eosinophilic gastroenteropathies (e.g., eosinophilic esophagitis)

Cell-mediated (non-IgE-mediated):

- Dietary-protein enterocolitis
- Dietary-protein enteropathy
- Dietary-protein proctitis
- Celiac disease
- Dermatitis herpetiformis

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (IgE Mediated Mechanism)



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“Allergy is the most common chronic disease in Europe. Up to 20% of patients with allergies struggle daily with the fear of a possible asthma attack, anaphylactic shock, or even death from an allergic reaction”

(EAACI, 2016)

The epidemiology of food allergy in Europe: a systematic review and meta-analysis

The lifetime and point prevalence of self-reported FA in Europe were

17.3%

Surveys were completed by 40443 adults, Overall, 10.8% of US adults were estimated to have 1 or more current conclusive food allergies.

Variable	Prevalence of Current FA, % (95% CI)	P Value	Prevalence of Adult-Onset Current FA, % (95% CI)	P Value
Overall	10.8 (10.4-11.1)	NA	5.2 (4.9-5.4)	NA
Sex				
Male	7.5 (7.0-7.9)	<.001	3.0 (2.7-3.3)	<.001
Female	13.8 (13.3-14.4)		7.2 (6.8-7.7)	

- Study of 217 patients suffering from asthma, rhinitis and urticaria in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia found
 - ✓ **17.5%** to have specific IgE antibodies to various foods.
 - ✓ Peanut (23%), egg (15%) and cow's milk (13%).



Prevalence of food allergy in asthmatic patients

- Aba-Alkhail, similarly reported a **29%** prevalence rate of clinical sensitivity to food in a study of 1341 asthmatic patients in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

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- Another study of patients attending an outpatient allergy clinic in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, found **13%** to be sensitized to date fruits.



Prevalence of Self-Reported Food Allergies and Their Association with Other Health Conditions among Adults in Saudi Arabia

This study showed that there was a significant association between participants reporting food allergies and participants with asthma, colon disease, and bariatric surgery.

Prevalence of self-reported food allergies, overall, and by gender, age group, region, and presence of comorbidity in the study sample ($n = 4709$).

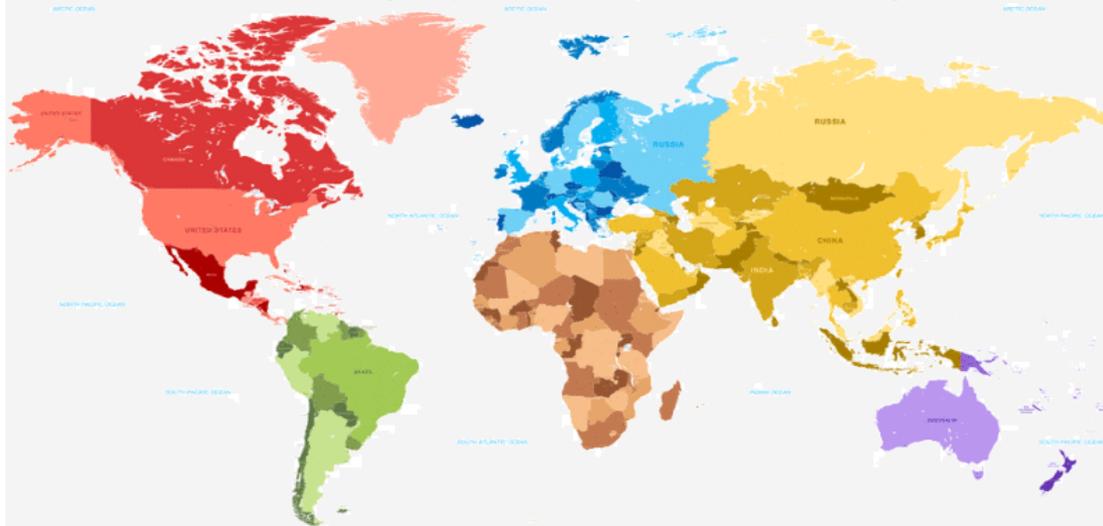
Variable	n (%)	Chi-Square p -Value
Overall	1009 (21.4)	-
Gender		
Male	490 (20.8)	0.329
Female	519 (22.0)	
Age Group		
18–19	59 (23.1)	0.416
20–29	335 (21.5)	
30–39	228 (22.6)	
40–49	202 (19.3)	
50–59	127 (22.9)	
60+	58 (20.0)	

Variable	n (%)	Chi-Square p -Value
Region		
Al-Jouf	54 (15.0)	<0.001
Northern Border	68 (18.8)	
Tabuk	84 (23.2)	
Hail	81 (22.6)	
Madinah	68 (23.5)	
Qassim	102 (28.3)	
Macca	70 (19.3)	
Riyadh	60 (16.5)	
Eastern Province	70 (19.4)	
Baha	75 (20.6)	
Asir	73 (19.9)	
Jazan	72 (19.9)	
Najran	114 (31.5)	
Presence of comorbidities		
No diagnosed health condition	551 (25.8)	<0.001
≥1 diagnosed health condition	458 (17.8)	

Major Allergenic Food In Various Geographic Regions

TOP FOOD ALLERGIES AMONG CHILDREN UNDER 18 AROUND THE WORLD

Food allergies vary widely from place to place, researchers are trying to understand why.



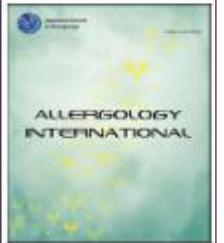
THE TOP EIGHT



THESE ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 90% OF FOOD ALLERGIES

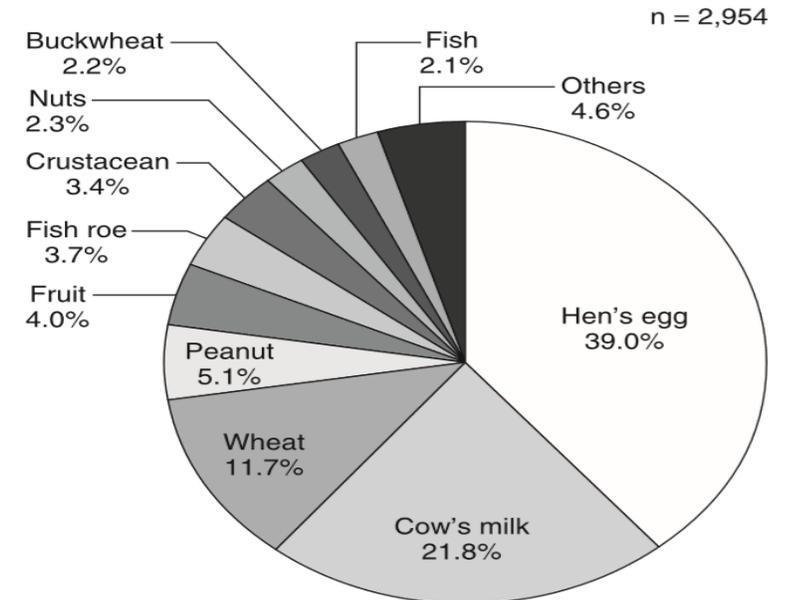
SOURCES: FOOD ALLERGY EPIDEMIC - IS IT ONLY A WESTERN PHENOMENON? (<http://www.allergysa.org/journals/2009/august/food-allergy-epidemic.pdf>); A global survey of changing patterns of food allergy burden in children (<http://www.waojournal.org/content/6/1/21>); Prevalence of allergies around the world: the big eight (<http://www.hesiglobal.org/files/public/Committee%20Presentations/PATC/Fernandez%20Rivas-for%20website-APPROVED.pdf>)

Geographic region	Country	Most common allergens reported	References
Asia	China	Shellfish, egg, peanut, beef, cow's milk, tree nuts	[15]
		Egg, cow's milk, peanut, soy, wheat,	[13]
	Hong Kong	Milk, egg, fish, wheat, soy, peanut	[13]
	Thailand	Shellfish, peanut, soy, rice, egg, milk	[13]
	Philippines	Milk, shellfish, egg, fish, wheat, soy	[13]
	Taiwan	Egg, milk, peanut, soy, shellfish, wheat	[13]
	Indonesia	Peanut, shellfish, fish, egg, milk, rice	[13]
	Malaysia	Milk, soy, egg, fish, rice	[13]
	Singapore	Shellfish, milk, egg, wheat, peanut, soy	[13]
		Egg, shellfish, peanut, fish, cow's milk, sesame	[15]
	Korea	Egg, milk, fish, pork, seafood (6–12 yr)	[21]
		Seafood, milk, peach, egg, fish (12–15 yr)	
Middle East	Saudi Arabia	Peanut, egg, cow's milk, wheat, banana, fish	[30]
	Israel	Egg, milk, sesame	[32]
Africa	Mozambique	Seafood, meat, fruits/vegetables	[42]
	Zimbabwe	Apple, tomato, soy, crab, peanut	[35]
	Morocco	Egg, peanut, wheat	[45]
	Ghana	Peanut, pineapple	[41]
	South Africa	Wheat, peanut, fish, soy, egg, milk	[36]
	Egypt	Peanut, fish, egg, cow's milk, sesame, banana	[44]
South America	Mexico	Dairy, egg, fish, shrimp, beans, soy	[51]
		Fish, milk, seafood, soy, orange	[55]



CAUSATIVE FOODS OF NEW-ONSET FOOD ALLERGIES

	<1 year old (884)	1 year old (317)	2–3 years old (173)	4–6 years old (109)	7–19 years old (123)	≥20 years old (100)
1	Hen's egg 57.6%	Hen's egg 39.1%	Fish roe 20.2%	Fruit 16.5%	Crustacean 17.1%	Wheat 38.0%
2	Cow's milk 24.3%	Fish roe 12.9%	Hen's egg 13.9%	Hen's egg 15.6%	Fruit 13.0%	Fish 13.0%
3	Wheat 12.7%	Cow's milk 10.1%	Peanut 11.6%	Peanut 11.0%	Hen's egg 10.0%	Crustacean 10.0%
4		Peanut 7.9%	Nuts 11.0%	Buckwheat 9.8%	Wheat 9.8%	Fruit 7.0%
5		Fruit 6.0%	Fruit 8.7%	Fish roe 9.2%	Buckwheat 8.9%	



- Further studies with 100 adult asthmatic patients found
 - ✓ up to **58%** reacting to at least one of 24 allergens tested.
 - ✓ Peanut (11%),
 - ✓ Egg white (3%),
 - ✓ Milk (3%),
 - ✓ Wheat (3%),
 - ✓ Banana (3%) and fish (2%)



Prevalence of food allergy in asthmatic patients

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The most common food allergen suspected in asthmatic patients with clinical sensitivity to food (n.392)

Suspected food	No. of subjects (%)
Egg	312 (80)
Banana	264 (67)
Fish	233 (59)
Tomatoe	136 (35)
Cirtus fruits	132 (34)
Strawberry	124 (32)
Nuts	80 (20)
Cow's milk	68 (17)
Beer	52 (13)
Melon	48 (12)
Mushroom	36 (9)



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Prevalence of self-reported specific food allergies in general adult population weighted sample ($n = 4709$).

Type of Food Allergy	n (%) ^a
Egg	172 (3.7)
Shellfish and Shrimp	145 (3.1)
Peanut	141 (3.0)
Milk	123 (2.6)
Fish	118 (2.5)
Tree Nuts	82 (1.7)
Soy	44 (0.9)
Wheat	39 (0.8)
Other	410 (8.8)

^a Participants were able to report food allergy to more than one allergen.

I- EGG allergy

Common Food Allergen

- ❖ Egg allergy is more common in childhood.
- ❖ Half of children will grow out of it by the age of 3.
- ❖ In a few cases, an egg allergy can cause anaphylaxis.
- ❖ Three proteins cause egg allergy:
 - ovomuroid,
 - ovalbumin
 - conalbumin.
- ❖ Cooking can destroy some of these allergens, but not others. So, some people might react to cooked eggs, as well as raw eggs.
- ❖ Occasionally, someone might react to egg because they have an allergy to chicken, or turkey meat, or to bird feathers. This is called **BIRD-EGG SYNDROME**



2- MILK ALLERGY

Common Food Allergen

- ❖ A reaction can be triggered by small amounts of milk, either passed through the mother's breast milk, or from feeding cows' milk directly .
- ❖ Children usually grow out of milk allergy by age 3 to 5.
- ❖ In very few cases, milk allergy can cause anaphylaxis.



3- FISH ALLERGY

Common Food Allergen

- ❖ It cause severe reactions, including anaphylaxis.
- ❖ allergic to one type of fish, such as cod, often react to other types of fish, such as hake, haddock, mackerel, and whiting.
- ❖ Cooking doesn't destroy fish allergens.



4- SHELLFISH ALLERGY

Common Food Allergen

- ❖ Shellfish allergy is quite common.
- ❖ Many different types of shellfish can cause reactions, including
 - ✓ shrimp
 - ✓ lobster
 - ✓ crab
 - ✓ crayfish
 - ✓ oysters
 - ✓ scallops
 - ✓ Mussels and clams.
- ❖ Shellfish allergy can often cause severe reactions, and some people can even react to the vapors from cooking shellfish



5- NUTS ALLERGY

Common Food Allergen

- ❖ Nuts allergy is usually **lifelong**.
- ❖ Types include
walnuts,
hazelnuts,
almonds,
pecans,
Brazil nuts,
pine nuts,
macadamia nuts
cashew nuts.
- ❖ It can cause **anaphylaxis**.
- ❖ Allergy to one type will also react to other nuts.



6- PEANUTS ALLERGY

Common Food Allergen

- ❖ also known as groundnuts and monkey nuts.
- ❖ Often lifelong.
- ❖ Can cause severe reactions, including anaphylaxis.
- ❖ Not destroyed by cooking or roasting.
- ❖ Tiny amounts can cause a reaction.
- ❖ Peanut allergy might also react to other legumes such as soybeans, green beans, kidney beans, and green peas



7- WHEAT ALLERGY

Common Food Allergen

- ❖ Wheat allergy is common, particularly among babies.
- ❖ One of the main allergens in wheat is a protein called gliadin, which is found in gluten.
- ❖ Because of this, people with a wheat allergy are sometimes recommended to eat a Gluten-free diet.



8- SULPHITES ALLERGY

Common Food Allergen

- ❖ Sulphites used to
 - ✓ preserve food flavor and color,
 - ✓ inhibit bacterial growth,
 - ✓ increase shelf life.

- ❖ Cause allergy-like reactions commonly
 - ✓ Asthma symptoms in those with underlying asthma,
 - ✓ Allergic rhinitis (hay fever) like reactions,
 - ✓ Occasionally Urticaria,
 - ✓ Rarely Anaphylaxis.





- ✓ Sex, female > Male
- ✓ Age, Children > Adults.
- ✓ Familial atopic history (the presence of other allergic diseases or allergic sensitization in the subjects, their parents, or siblings were strong risk factors.
- ✓ Cesarean section delivery were not associated with increased risk BUT with the use of infant formula risk increase.

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS



- Food allergy is associated with a well-defined signs and symptoms, involve multi-system including the Skin, GIT, Respiratory, and cardiovascular system.
- Skin reactions are the most common and include acute urticaria (hives), angioedema (swelling) and erythema (redness of the skin).
- Respiratory tract symptoms include laryngeal edema, rhinorrhea, and bronchospasm.
- GI-related signs and symptoms include nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and diarrhea.

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

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ECZEMA



ITCHY MOUTH



SWELLING FACE



SWELLING TONGUE



SWELLING LIPS



NAUSEA OR VOMITING



ABDOMINAL PAIN



TROUBLE BREATHING



DIZZINESS



DIARRHEA

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS CROSS-REACTIVITY



Cross-Reactivity

- ❖ It is antibody reaction not only with the original allergen, but with similar allergen that shares the same structural or sequence similarity, and trigger an adverse reaction similar to that triggered by the original allergen.
- ❖ E.g. among different shellfish and different tree nuts.



CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS ORAL ALLERGY SYNDROME I



- **Oral Allergy Syndrome**, mild IgE-mediated reaction.
 - Causes TINGLING and ITCHING of the mouth and pharynx.
 - Triggered after consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in pollen-allergic individuals.
 - Caused by cross reactivity of IgE antibodies to certain pollens with proteins in some fresh fruits and vegetables.

Waserman and Watson Allergy,
Asthma & Clinical Immunology 2011



Why does my
mouth or throat
itch when I eat
certain fruits or
vegetables?



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CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

ORAL ALLERGY SYNDROME²



- **Oral Allergy Syndrome**, mild IgE-mediated reaction.
 - These proteins are heat labile, enabling allergic individuals to eat these foods when cooked.
 - Allergy skin tests are usually negative to commercial food extracts, but are positive to the fresh food.

Why does my mouth or throat itch when I eat certain fruits or vegetables?



CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS ORAL ALLERGY SYNDROME



ORAL ALLERGY SYNDROME (OAS)



People with OAS develop symptoms around their mouth from eating the following raw fruits and vegetables when birch trees, grasses and ragweed are pollinating:



What foods cause oral allergy syndrome?

The following lists show foods that are botanically related to birch, grasses and ragweed:

Birch pollen

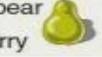
- almond
- apple
- carrot
- celery
- cherry
- hazelnut
- kiwi
- peach
- pear
- plum
- potato
- pumpkin seed

Grass pollen

- kiwi
- melon
- peach
- tomato

Ragweed pollen

- banana
- chamomile
- cucumber
- echinacea
- melon (watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew)
- sunflower seed
- zucchini

If Allergic to:	Risk of Reaction to at Least One:	Risk:
A legume* peanut 	Other legumes peas  lentils  beans 	5% 
A tree nut walnut 	Other tree nuts brazil  cashew  hazelnut 	37% 
A fish* salmon 	Other fish swordfish  sole 	50% 
A shellfish shrimp 	Other shellfish crab  lobster 	75% 
A grain* wheat 	Other grains barley  rye 	20% 
Cow's milk* 	Beef hamburger 	10% 
Cow's milk* 	Goat's milk goat 	92% 
Cow's milk* 	Mare's milk horse 	4% 
Pollen birch  ragweed 	Fruits/vegetables apple  peach  honeydew 	55% 
Peach* 	Other Rosaceae plum  pear  apple  cherry 	55% 
Melon* cantaloupe 	Other fruits watermelon  banana  avocado 	92% 
Latex* latex glove 	Fruits kiwi  banana  avocado 	35% 
Fruits kiwi  avocado  banana 	Latex latex glove 	11% 

Clinical implications of cross-reactive food allergens

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Cross-reactivity between shellfish:

There is a high degree of cross-reactivity among crustacean shellfish (e.g., shrimp, lobster, crab, crawfish).

Cross-reactivity between latex and food:

30 to 70% of IgE-mediated allergies to latex experience symptoms with any of several fruits, most commonly banana, avocado, kiwi, and chestnut **Latex-Fruit Syndrome**.

Cross-reactivity between peanut and tree nuts or seeds:

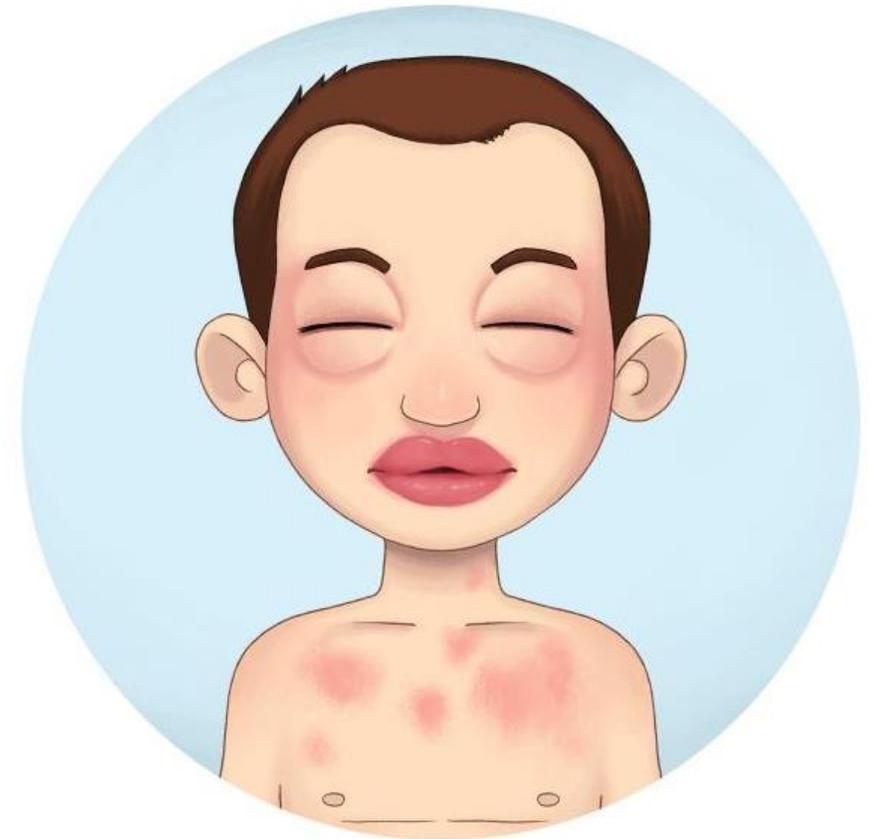
20 to 30 % of peanut allergy are allergic to 1 or > of tree nuts. Additionally, walnut, pecan, and hazelnut comprise a group of strongly cross-reactive tree nuts.

Approximate rate of clinical reactivity to at least 1 other related food. The probability of reacting to related foods varies, depending on numerous factors (see text). *Data derived from studies with DBPCFCs.

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis

- ❖ The most severe and serious allergic reaction
- ❖ Rapid in onset and may cause death.
- ❖ Signs and symptoms develop within minutes up to 2 hours of food exposure.
- ❖ Early symptoms should not be ignored.
- ❖ Reactions can be highly unpredictable, vary from person to person, and from attack to attack in the same person.





CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS ANAPHYLAXIS

3 sets of criteria for making a diagnosis of anaphylaxis²⁷

1	<p>Involvement of ≥ 2 of 4 organ systems after exposure to a likely allergen for that patient, with acute onset (minutes to several hours):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skin–mucous membrane (eg, urticaria, flushing, angioedema, oral itching, nasal congestion, sneezing)• Respiratory (eg, coughing, wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath, dyspnea)• Gastrointestinal (eg, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain)• Cardiovascular (eg, dizziness, hypotension, syncope)
OR	
2	<p>Hypotension after exposure to known allergen for that patient, with acute onset (minutes to several hours):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults: Systolic BP < 90 mm Hg or $> 30\%$ decrease from baseline• Infants and children: Low age-specific systolic BP or $> 30\%$ decrease from baseline
OR	
3	<p>1 or both of the following plus acute onset (minutes to several hours) of skin–mucous membrane involvement (eg, urticaria, flushing, angioedema, oral itching, nasal congestion, sneezing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respiratory symptoms (eg, coughing, wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath, dyspnea)• Cardiovascular involvement (eg, dizziness, hypotension, syncope)

BP, blood pressure.

Adapted with permission from: Sampson et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2006.²⁷

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS ANAPHYLAXIS - ANGIOEDEMA

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Angioedema is swelling in the deep layers of the skin and other tissues. It may be accompanied by an itchy, raised rash.

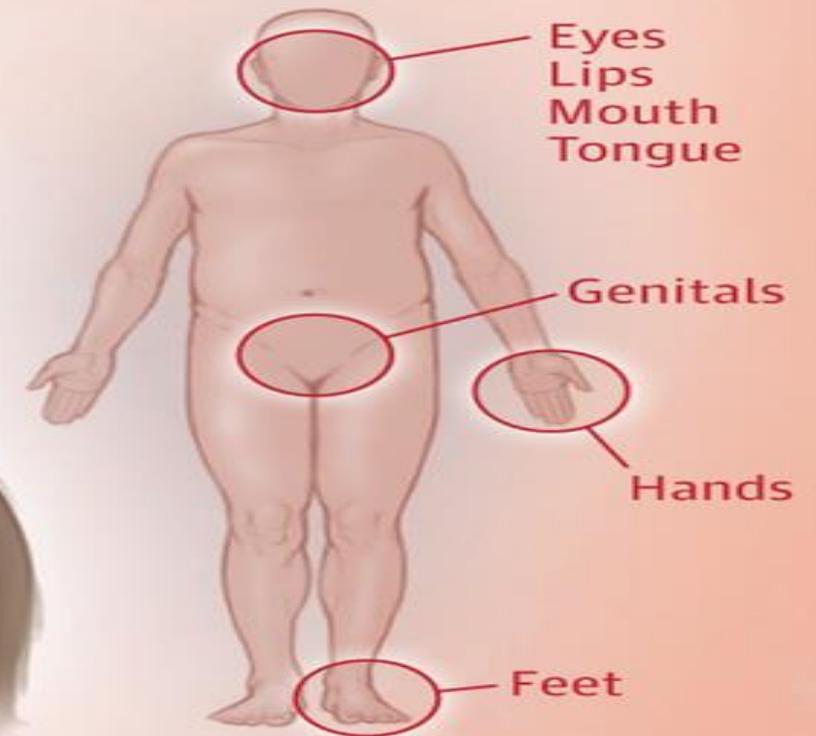
Itchy, raised rash (hives)

Swelling around the eyes

Swelling of the lips



Commonly affected areas



Other symptoms may include abdominal pain, shortness of breath, dizziness, and fainting.

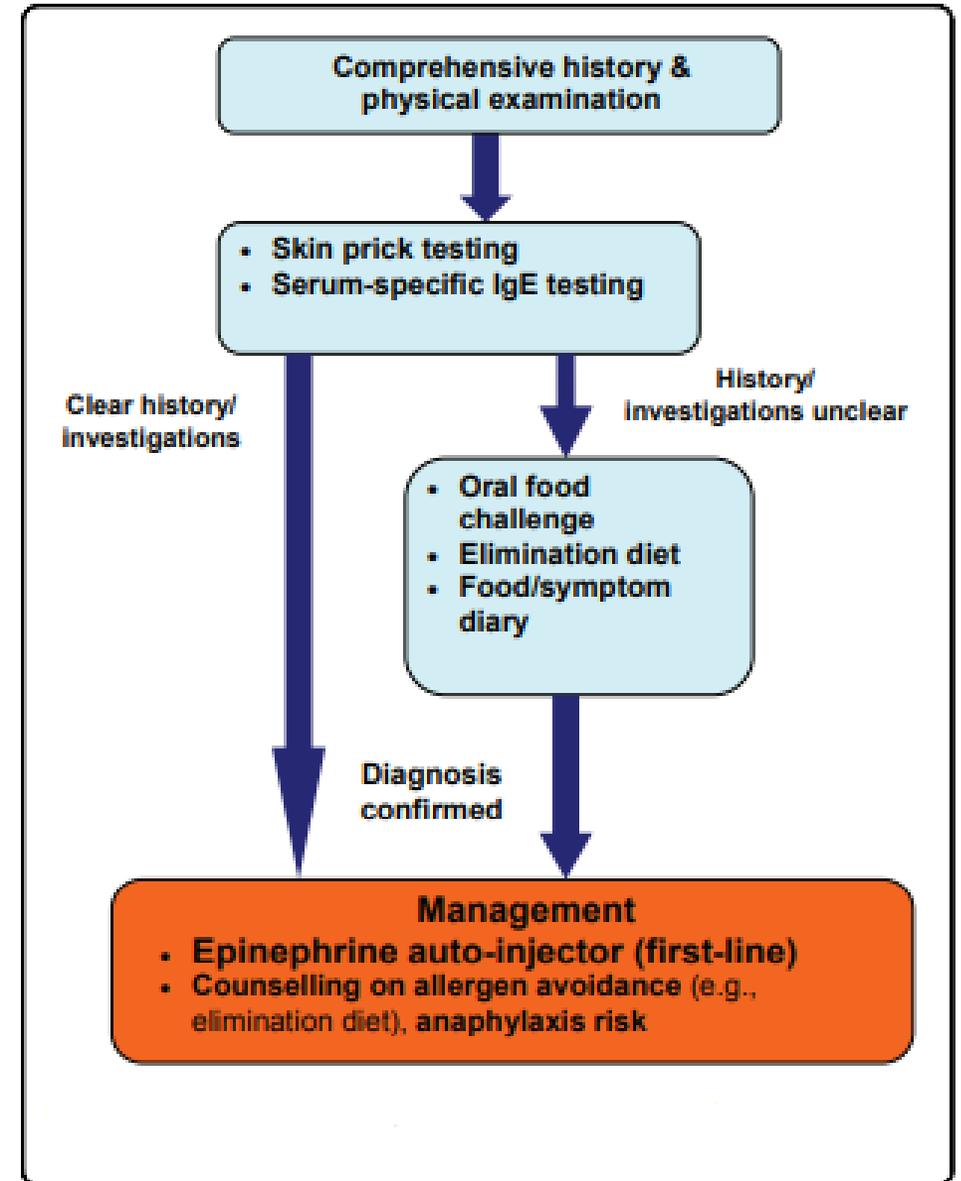
DIAGNOSIS OF FOOD ALLERGY

Detailed History :-

- Inquire about all suspect foods
- Discuss the manner of food preparation (e.g. **C**ooked, **R**aw, **S**pices, **I**ngredients).
- Time of onset of symptoms in relation to food exposure, symptom duration and severity,
- Reproducibility of symptoms in recurrent exposure.
- factors impulsive allergic reaction, as exercise or alcohol.

Physical Examination

- Any evidence of atopy or allergic diseases (e.g., atopic dermatitis, asthma, and allergic rhinitis).
- Assessing overall nutritional status and growth in children





DIAGNOSIS OF FOOD ALLERGY

Diagnostic Tests

1- Skin prick tests (SPT)

- sensitivity 90%; specificity 50%.
- for foods relevant to the patient's history.
- Negative predictive value >95%, therefore, a negative SPT confirms absence of IgE-mediated reactions.

2- Serum-specific IgE

- high sensitivity.
- 95 % specificity in children with atopic dermatitis who are allergic to eggs, milk, peanuts, or fish.





DIAGNOSIS OF FOOD ALLERGY

Diagnostic Tests

3- Oral food challenges

- Gradual feeding of the suspected food.
- Medically-supervised assessment for any symptoms.
- Discontinued if any symptoms.
- Conducted only in clinics or hospitals equipped with both the personnel and equipment to treat anaphylaxis.





DIAGNOSIS OF FOOD ALLERGY

Diagnostic Tests

4- Elimination diet

- Complete avoidance of suspected foods.
- Monitoring for an associated decrease in symptoms.
- Success depends on:-
 - ✓ Identifying the correct food allergen
 - ✓ Complete elimination.
 - ✓ Patient compliance.

HOW TO DO AN ELIMINATION DIET

An elimination diet can help you determine if you're sensitive or intolerant to certain foods. Here are the steps.



REINTRODUCE FOODS SLOWLY

Once every 4 days, reintroduce each of the trigger foods. If you develop symptoms, stop eating that food.



AGAIN, REINTRODUCE FOODS SLOWLY

Once every 4 days, reintroduce each trigger food from Phase 2. Stop eating foods that cause symptoms.



1

PHASE 1 ELIMINATION

Cut out first group of trigger foods for entirely 21 days including dairy, soy, gluten, corn, eggs and peanuts.

2



PHASE 2 ELIMINATION

If you're in the clear on all Phase 1 foods, move on to eliminating Phase 2 foods, including vegetable oils, artificial sweeteners, nightshades, tree nuts, legumes and alcohol.

3

4



5

MAINTENANCE

Read labels and get to know where the byproducts of the foods you should not eat are. After 6 months, try re-introducing the trigger food(s) to see if they're still a problem.



DIAGNOSIS OF FOOD ALLERGY

Diagnostic Tests

5- Food/symptom diaries

- Chronological record of all foods eaten and any associated adverse symptoms.
- **Help identify** food but **Not diagnostic**.

Clever Guts Daily Food & Symptoms Diary



www.cleverguts.com

Date	Time	Food & drink content & quantity	Symptoms; eg bloating, abdominal pain, nausea, sickness, diarrhoea, brain fog, irritability, headache	Symptom time & duration	Other factors; Including stress, poor sleep, exercise, illness, medicines & remedies
Meal					
Breakfast					
Snack?					
Lunch					
Snack?					
Supper					
Snack?					

Notes



DIAGNOSIS OF FOOD ALLERGY

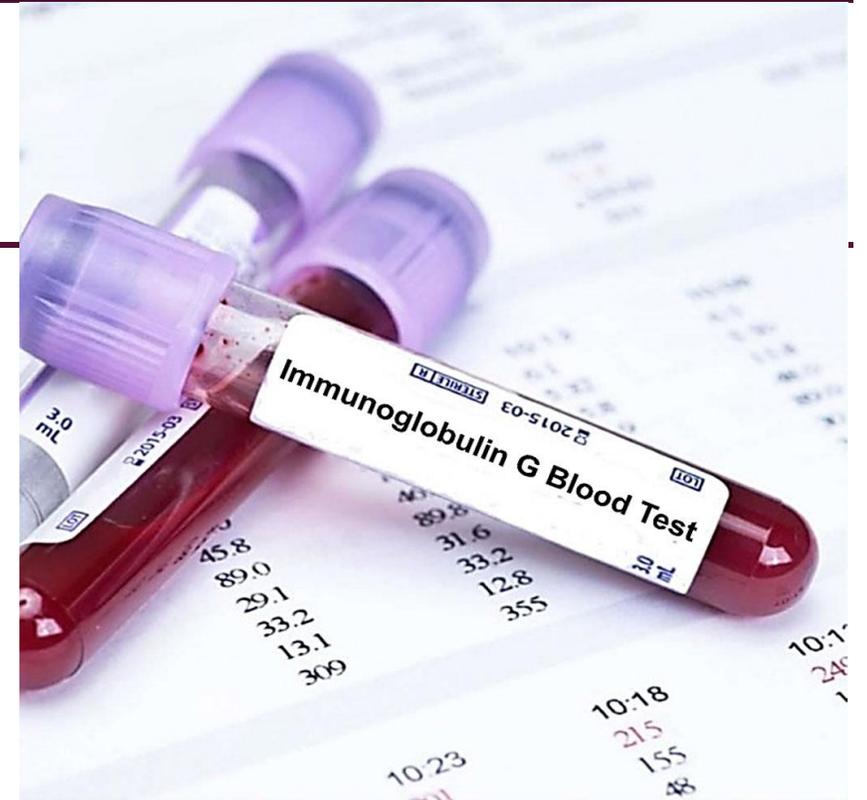
Diagnostic Tests

6- serum immunoglobulin G (IgG) (ImuPro)TM

- High positive IgG food rates, BUT still **CONTROVERSIAL**
- Most of IgG food test papers are cohort, cross sectional, retrospective, case reports
- No Randomized Control Trials RCTs available until now.

7- Patch testing

- Commercially prepared food extracts applied to skin and occluded with patch.
- Positive predictive value of RAST or skin-prick test combined with patch test is high.
- Overall clinical usefulness unclear.



TREATMENT OF FOOD ALLERGY



EGG FREE



NUT FREE



CORN FREE



PEANUT FREE

1) Adjustment Of Nutritional Behavior

Education for both Patient, Family and school

- ✓ Food **A**voidance,
- ✓ A Properly Managed, Well-Balanced **E**limination,
- ✓ Food Alternatives as e.g. in Cow Milk Allergy
 - Extensively Hydrolyzed Formula.
 - Amino Acid Based Formula.
 - Soy Milk formula.
- ✓ How to read food lab and food warnings as:-
 - “**N**atural flavor”
 - “**S**pices”
 - “**M**ay contain”.



Snack Ideas for kids with a Peanut Allergy	Snack Ideas for kids with a Gluten Allergy	Snack Ideas for kids with a Egg and Dairy Allergy
1. Pretzels	1. Veggie Straw Puffs	1. Cheerios
2. Animal Crackers	2. Yogurt	2. Apple Sauce
3. Popcorn	3. Mandarin Oranges	3. Raisins / Craisins
4. Goldfish	4. Grapes / Bananas	4. Rice Chex
5. Cheese Sticks	5. Rice Cakes	5. Fig Newton's
6. Granola	6. Apple Sauce	6. Potato Sticks
7. Corn Chips	7. Hummus & Gluten Free Pretzels	7. Pretzels
8. Vanilla Wafers	8. Gluten Free Pepperoni	8. Oreos
9. Cheese Its	9. 100% Juice popsicles	9. Fruit Cups
10. Pudding	10. Dehydrated Fruit (Apples)	10. Marshmallows
11. Yogurt / Go Gurt	11. Gummy Candies	11. Popcorn
12. Rice Krispy Treats	12. Almond Joy Candy Bars	12. Teddy Grahams
13. Tootsie Rolls	13. String Cheese	13. Fruit Snacks
14. Triscuits	14. Raisins	14. Corn Chips
15. Go-Go Squeeze Apple Sauce	15. Pickles	15. Animal Crackers

* I'm not a doctor or an expert, I'm just a mom sharing my advice. I should highly recommend any questions, doubts, or concerns be directed to a school nurse or medical professional. The information and reference materials contained here are intended solely for the general information of the reader. We encourage your own research to better familiarize yourself with the individual's needs.

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2) Symptomatic Treatment

- ❖ **Anti-histamines** H-1 receptor antagonists or H-1 blockers
 - ✓ First-generation antihistamines.
 - Brompheniramine (Children's Dimetapp Cold).
 - Chlorpheniramine (Chlor-Trimeton)
 - Dexchlorpheniramine Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine).
 - Doxylamine (Tylenol Cold).
 - ✓ Second-generation antihistamines.
 - Azelastine (Astelin).
 - Loratadine (Claritin).
 - Cetirizine (Zyrtec).
 - Desloratadine (Clarinex).
 - Fexofenadine (Allegra).
- ❖ **Prednisone** Oral or Topical (creams or ointments)



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3) Emergency Treatment

- ❖ **Written Plan** for the treatment of accidental exposure.
- ❖ **Training Programs** for teachers and other caregivers on :-
 - Recognition and management of anaphylaxis
 - Anaphylaxis action plans for daycares, home and schools
- ❖ **Epinephrine Auto-Injectors** (emergency)
 - 0.30 mg for 30 kg or more, body weighing .
 - 0.15 mg for children 15–30 kg. body weighing.
- ❖ **Hydrocortisone** 5 mg/kg, or approximately 250 mg IV.
- ❖ **Wear Medical Identification** (bracelet / necklace).



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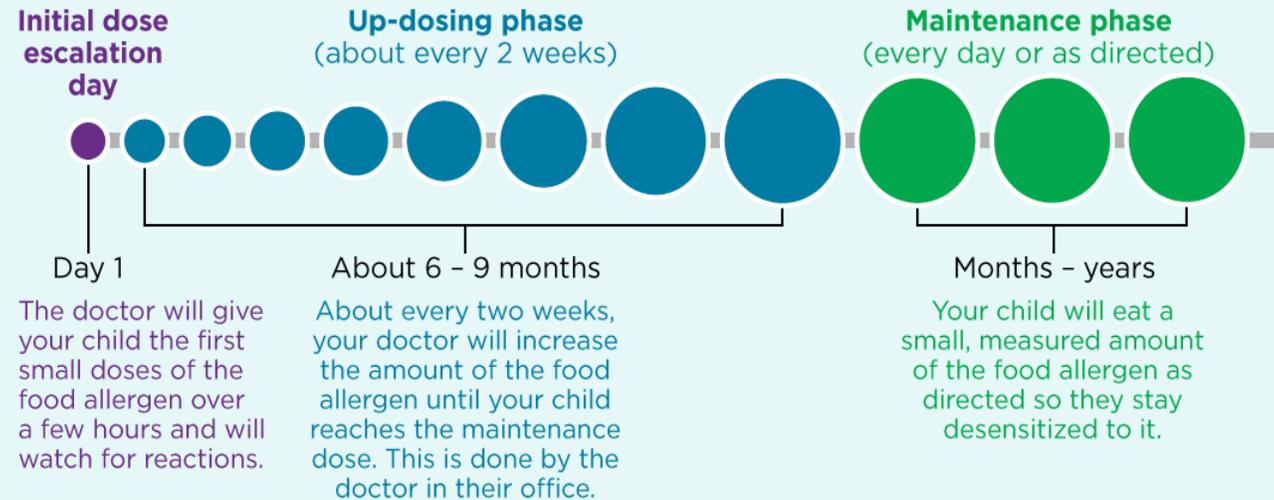
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4) Desensitization Treatment

Oral immunotherapy (OIT) protocols, small amounts of allergen are administered orally and in gradually increasing amounts, with the immediate goal to induce desensitization.

Desensitization is conducted for peanut, egg and milk allergy, Results are promising.

The Oral Immunotherapy (OIT) Process for Food Allergies



If your child stops eating the allergen, they may start having symptoms to the food allergen again.

Oral immunotherapy for food allergy

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- ❖ Peanut (*Arachis hypogaea*) Allergen.
- ❖ First oral immunotherapy drug approved by FDA (January 2020)
- ❖ Powder-dnfp (Palforzia), for 4 to 17 y. old confirmed peanut allergy.
- ❖ indication
 - Reduce allergic reactions,
 - Risk of anaphylaxis.
- ❖ Contraindicated in
 - Uncontrolled asthma
 - Eosinophilic esophagitis.



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5) Potential New Directions

❖ **Anti-IgE antibodies**

- ✓ As an adjunctive therapy with OIT, showing a satisfactory safety profile.
- ✓ The optimal dosage, duration of treatment and long-term effects remain to be elucidated.

❖ **Injection Of Monoclonal IgG**

- ✓ It binds to IgE and masks regions responsible for receptor binding to mast cells and basophiles partially protects patients with peanut allergies and shows promise for use in other food allergies.

❖ **Non-allergen-specific molecules as**

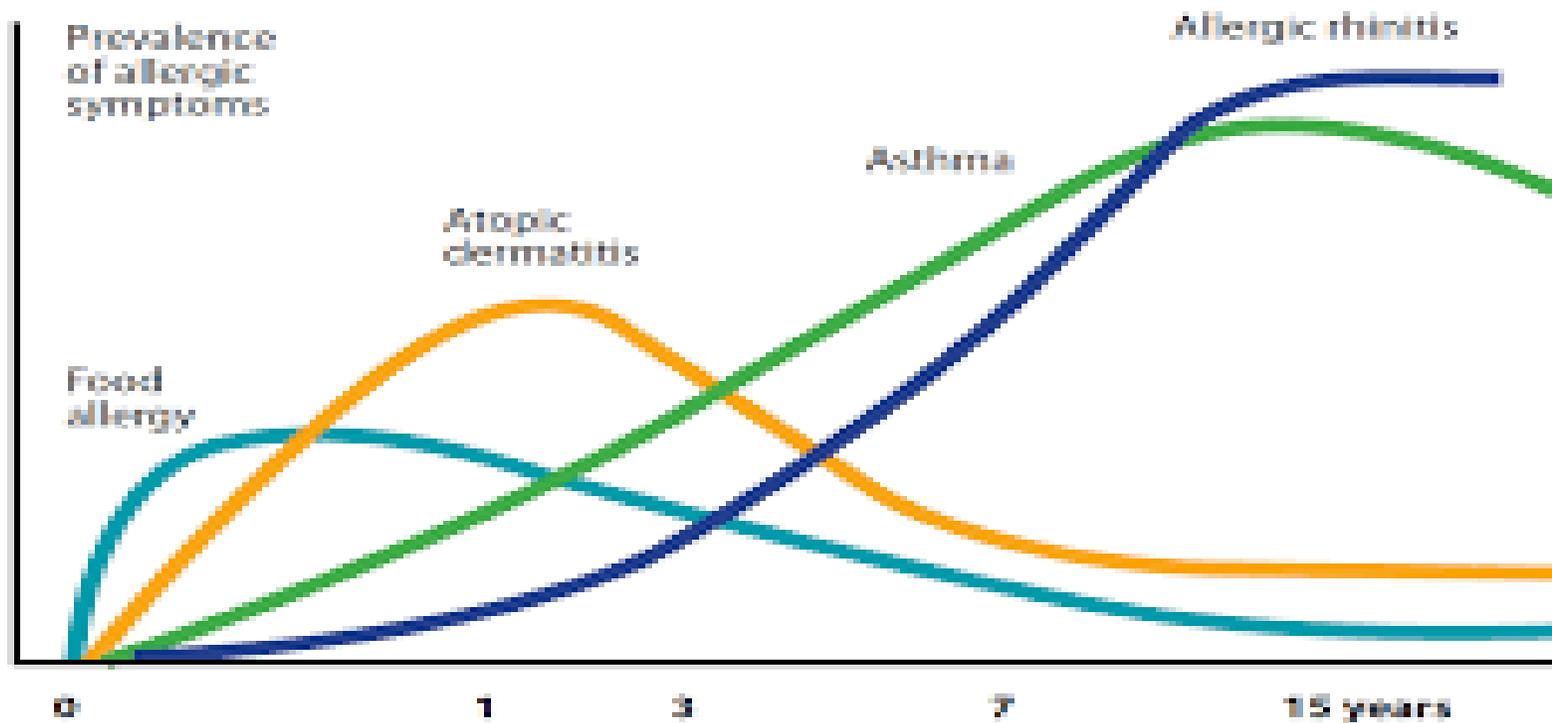
- ✓ Cytokines,
- ✓ probiotics,

Currently Being Investigated, But Their Use In Humans Is Still Far From Clinical Application.

PROGNOSIS



Typical evolution of allergic disease



Adapted from Holgate S, Church MK, eds. Allergy, London: Gower Medical Publishing, 1993



Prevention of food allergy



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Strategies for the prevention of FA might include

- Primary prevention, To prevent the onset of IgE sensitization.
- Secondary prevention, To interrupt the development of FA in IgE-sensitized children.
- Tertiary prevention, To reduce the expression of end-organ allergic disease in children with established FA.

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The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Recommends

- 1- Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months in infants with a atopic family
- 2- Solid food not being introduced until after six months of age.
- 3- Breast-feeding mother should avoid eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, and seafood.
- 4- In the child's diet, nuts, shellfish, and fish are delayed until three to four years of age.
- 5- Hydrolyzed formulas for high-risk infants.

- Globally, 200 to 250 million suffer from food allergies. with a true rise over the past 10–20 years.

- Milk, Egg, Soy, & Wheat Allergy usually outgrown by school age.

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Take Home Messages



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