MEMO RE: Planning for Administration of Allergy Injections

The University of Pittsburgh Student Health Service is happy to assist with the administration of allergy immunotherapy for your patient. In order to administer allergy injections to your patient with the highest degree of safety, we do have specific requirements that need to be addressed.

We will administer allergy injections to students upon written orders from a physician who provides the serum. The orders must include all items on the attached form. Having all of the necessary information will decrease the chance of miscommunication and resultant allergy administration errors.

The students are to make an appointment with the SHS nurse and hand deliver serum and physician orders/instructions to Student Health Services with each new serum. Serum can also be sent via express mail or federal express directly to our office. Allergy serums must be hand delivered by the patient/parent/guardian or overnight shipped via UPS or Fed Ex. Absolutely no allergy serums will be accepted via the US postal service.

We will administer allergy injections to students based on the written orders utilizing the serum provided by your office. The orders should include treatment of local and systemic reactions and an adjustment of schedule when a dose is missed or late. Communication with the allergist’s office about injections may be needed in order to provide the student with the best care. Verbal orders may be taken from the student’s allergist and documented in our progress notes. If an order is taken from anyone other than the allergist, a faxed order signed by the allergist should be received before the next dose of medication can be given.

The nurse will follow guidelines given by your office. For any critical reactions, the nurse will follow emergency protocol for anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reaction. Please make every effort to be sure that we have all necessary information. Failure to do so will prevent us from giving the student allergy serums at Student Health.

NOTE: Student Health Services will not mail serum to your office. It is the student’s responsibility to return any remaining serum to you.

As with all services provided at Student Health Services, our focus is to provide high quality health care to the students of the University of Pittsburgh. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
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Medical Director