

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING ALLERGY TESTING

HOW MANY TESTS WILL BE PERFORMED AND WHAT IS THE COST OF ALLERGY TESTING?

The number of tests performed is determined by your allergy symptoms and examination performed by the provider. There are two types of tests: Percutaneous tests or scratch tests, generally performed on the back (CPT code 95004 or 95010), and intracutaneous tests, placed on the forearm (CPT Code 95024 or 95015).

WHAT IS THE COST OF A NEW PATIENT APPOINTMENT?

The number and type of tests will determine each patient's cost. Unfortunately, we are unable to give an exact amount. Please call our Patient Account Department for the per-test charge prior to your appointment.

WILL MY INSURANCE PAY FOR ALLERGY TESTING?

Most insurance carriers have plans that cover allergy testing; however, with continuous changes taking place in the insurance industry, we recommend that you contact your insurance carrier to verify your allergy benefit.

There is a range of visit codes in each category of the new patient visit and consultations. You will be charged for just one code in the following two code ranges.

99201 - 99205 - new patient visit code
99241 - 99244 - consultation code

Testing codes which may be performed:

95004 - percutaneous (scratch) test
95010 - percutaneous venom/caine test
95024 - intracutaneous test
95015 - intracutaneous venom/caine test
89190 - nasal smear for eosinophils
94010 - spirometry to measure lung capacity
94060 - pre and post bronchodilator spirometry to measure lung capacity

Allergen immunotherapy program extract and injection codes for treatment:

95165 - allergy extract
95115 - one allergy injection
95117 - two or more allergy injections

95145 - 95149 - venom antigen treatment (only one of the codes in this range will be billed)
95180 - rapid desensitization

Please ask your carrier the following questions:

- What is my annual deductible?
- Has my deductible been met for the year?
- What is my copay for the following services?
 - Specialist visit ?
 - Testing?
 - Allergy extract?
 - Allergy injections?
 - Do I need to precertify the allergy testing?

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY?

Please read our financial policy statement and call with any questions (616-949-4840).