ALLERGY INJECTION PROGRAM

TO THE STUDENT:

Redfern Health Center will assist you in receiving medications ordered by a non-Redfern Health Center physician while you are a student here. We do this by serving temporarily as the agent of that physician. He/she remains, in effect, your physician in relation to the condition for which you are being treated. Therefore, we must have detailed information and instructions from your physician regarding this condition and covering all circumstances that may arise. It is your and your physician’s responsibility to supply the medication to be used.

Injections will not be given if instructions are inadequate.

We are not responsible for breakage or loss of medication.

Please review and proceed with the accompanying medication instructions and forms in this packet.

1. Have your physician provide signed orders and instructions.

2. When you arrive on campus, contact Redfern Health Center and make an appointment with the physician and the Allergy Nurse. Allow 1 to 1 1/2 hours for your first visit. All allergy patients must wait 30 minutes after each injection and recheck with the Allergy Nurse before leaving the building. This is very important as there is always the possibility of an anaphylactic reaction occurring. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY. Failure to recheck with the Allergy Nurse before leaving the building will result in termination of allergy injections at Redfern Health Center.

3. Bring your vaccine and physician’s orders with you to your first appointment. Injections will not be given unless instructions are complete and initial injection has been administered and observed in your allergist’s office.

4. The fee for a single allergy injection is $14 for students paying the Health Fee and $18 for students not paying the Health Fee. The fee for a student receiving multiple allergy injections is $25 for students paying the Health Fee and $29 for students not paying the Health Fee. Fees will also be applied if you are unable to keep your appointment and you do not cancel your appointment within 24 hours prior to that appointment time.

We look forward to working with you in the allergy program. For additional information, please call the Allergy Clinic at (864) 656-2233.
REQUEST FOR ALLERGY VACCINE ADMINISTRATION
AS ORDERED BY A NON-REDFERN HEALTH CENTER PHYSICIAN

TO THE PHYSICIAN:

Redfern Health Center looks forward to working with your patient receiving allergy injections. Patients who have a history of generalized anaphylactic reactions cannot be accepted into the program. The service can be initiated when we receive specific physician signed orders and instructions from you. If you have questions, call the Allergy Clinic at (864) 656-2233.

Please include the following in your orders.

1. Patient name, Social Security Number and date of birth.
2. Instructions for build-up schedule for each vial, including content, strength, dose, intervals and expiration date of vaccine.
3. Instructions for maintenance schedule for each vial, including content, strength, dose and intervals.
4. Instructions for dosage adjustment for new vials.
5. Instructions for dosage adjustment when patient is late or deviates from schedule:
   a. Maximum time lapse before dosage change is required.
   b. When beyond maximum time lapse, instructions or call office.
6. Instructions for dosage adjustment for local or systemic reactions.
7. Specific guidelines regarding when to withhold or reduce dosage due to illness, wheezing or increased allergy symptoms.
8. Chronic or severe illness which might affect general health or desensitization schedule.
9. Has the patient experienced previous significant local or systemic reactions to serum(s)? If yes, indicate type of reaction, which serum and previous treatment for adverse reaction.

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Please be advised:

1. Redfern Health Center does not accept telephone orders. They must be signed by the physician and faxed/mailed to us.
2. Redfern Health Center does not mix serums. Patients receiving more than one serum will receive separate injections from each vial.
3. Allergy injections will not be given if three months or longer has passed since the last documented injection(s). The patient will need to return to their allergist’s office for a new dosing schedule and first injection(s) of the dosing schedule.
Allergy Injection Information Sheet

Below is general information concerning allergy injections at Redfern Health Center. This sheet provides information that will help you maintain a regular injection schedule and eliminate unnecessary trips and expenses.

1. Allergy injections are given by APPOINTMENT ONLY, not on a walk-in basis. Appointments may be made up to one week in advance.

2. ALL PATIENTS RECEIVING ALLERGY INJECTIONS MUST WAIT **30 MINUTES** AFTER EACH INJECTION AND RECHECK WITH THE ALLERGY NURSE BEFORE LEAVING THE BUILDING. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION OCCURRING. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY. FAILURE TO RECHECK BEFORE LEAVING THE BUILDING WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION OF ALLERGY INJECTIONS AT REDFERN HEALTH CENTER.

3. It is the patient’s responsibility to reorder vaccines in advance to prevent lapses of injections. Redfern Health Center is not responsible for reordering vaccines for the patients.

4. Patients must have current written instructions from an allergist for correct dosage, instructions for missed injections and reactions. Orders must be signed by the prescribing physician.

5. If 90 days have passed since the last allergy injection was received, the patient must return to the prescribing physician before receiving further allergy injections at Redfern Health Center.

6. **The fee for a single allergy injection is $14 for students paying the Health Fee and $18 for students not paying the Health Fee. The fee for a student receiving multiple allergy injections is $25 for students paying the Health Fee and $29 for students not paying the Health Fee. Fees will also be applied if you are unable to keep your appointment and you do not cancel your appointment within 24 hours prior to that appointment time.**

7. Patients are responsible for obtaining and transporting allergy vials home when finished for the semester. Redfern Health Center accepts no responsibility for allergy vials left in our refrigerator. We are unable to ship any vials.

8. The prescription and mixing of serum, the content of the vials, the concentration of the serum and the dosage schedule are the responsibility of the prescribing physician. Redfern Health Center accepts no responsibility for the factors.

9. It is the patient’s responsibility to inform Redfern Health Center if he/she is taking any prescribed medication (especially beta blocker medicines, steroids, etc.).

I have read the above statements and fully understand them:

Date: ____________________    Signature: _____________________________________________________________