

FOOD ALLERGIES: AAE Annual Conference 2022  
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OBJECTIVES:

- Understand food allergy versus intolerance / sensitivity
- Review current recommended practice parameters
- Recognize the role of the asthma educator in providing food allergy education.

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Affects up to 8% of children and up to 4% of the general population in the United States<sup>1,2</sup>

- Most food allergy acquired in the first or second year<sup>1</sup>
- Varies – Physician/NP/PA/ OFC confirmed vs Parent or Self-reported (3% vs 13%)
- Sensitivity vs Reactivity
- Sensitization does not equal clinical allergy (reactivity<sup>3</sup>: not all sensitized children will develop symptoms upon ingestion)


Approximately 15% develop initial diagnosis as an adult<sup>2</sup>

- Usually in the early 30's but up to 91years old
- Older age was associated with higher risk for severe reactions

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**PREVALENCE OF FOOD ALLERGIES**

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- The leading cause of anaphylactic reactions outside of the hospital setting<sup>1</sup>
- About 125,000 ED visits for food-induced reactions, 14,000 for food-induced anaphylaxis per year and 3,100 hospitalizations in the United States<sup>2</sup>
- Deaths are rare, 0.7-2% of cases. 25 - 200 per year in the U.S.<sup>6</sup>
  - Most common induced by peanuts, tree nuts, seafood, cow's milk<sup>1,3,4,5,6</sup>

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**IMPACT OF FOOD ALLERGIES**

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**ETIOLOGY OF FOOD ALLERGIES**

The Hygiene Hypothesis

Microflora / Microbiome Depletion Hypothesis

The ecosystem of the human body (the human biome) can influence immune function.




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### Asthma and Food Allergy Connection

- Increased risk for developing asthma and often severe<sup>1</sup>
- Family history of atopy<sup>2</sup>
- Sensitization to food proteins (egg) in early infancy<sup>2</sup>
- Children with food allergy developed asthma earlier and at a higher prevalence than children without food allergy<sup>3</sup>
- Children sensitized to foods had higher rates of ED and hospitalization for asthma exacerbations and required more treatment with glucocorticoids.<sup>4</sup>

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### FOOD ALLERGY OR FOOD INTOLERANCE?

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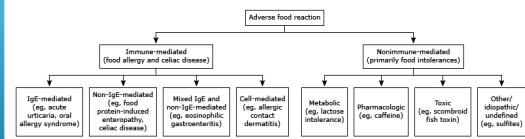
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### Types of adverse reactions to food



IgE: Immunoglobulin E.

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### WHAT IS A FOOD ALLERGY?



As defined by the NIAID expert panel: Food allergy is "an adverse health effect arising from a specific immune response (IgE mediated) that occurs reproducibly on exposure to a given food."

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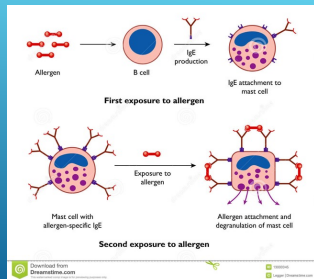
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### MECHANISM OF IGE MEDIATED REACTION

- T helper type 2
- Basophils
- Mast Cells
- Eosinophils
- Inflammatory mediators

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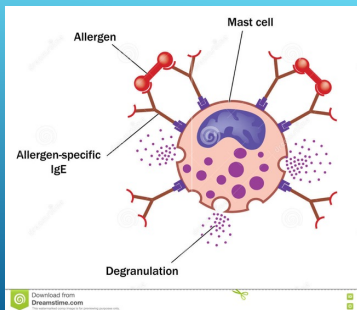
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### MAST CELL ACTIVATION

- Proinflammatory mediators:
- Histamines
  - Tryptase
  - Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF)
  - Heparin
  - Prostaglandin O2 (PGD2)
  - Platelet-activating factor (PAF)
  - Leukotrienes

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**Clinical manifestations of IgE-mediated reactions**

Clinical features
Dermatologic - Pruritus, flushing, urticaria/angioedema, diaphoresis
Eyes - Conjunctival injection, lacrimation, periorbital edema, pruritus
Respiratory tract - Nose/oropharynx (sneezing, rhinorrhea, nasal congestion, oral pruritus, metallic taste), upper airway (hoarseness, stridor, sense of choking, laryngeal edema), lower airway (dyspnea, tachypnea, wheezing, cough, cyanosis)
Cardiovascular - Conduction disturbances, tachycardia, bradycardia (if severe), arrhythmias, hypotension, cardiac arrest
Gastrointestinal - Nausea/vomiting, abdominal cramping, bloating, diarrhea
Neurologic - Sense of impending doom, syncope, dizziness, seizures

IgE: immunoglobulin E.

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**THE BIG EIGHT – MOST COMMON ALLERGENIC FOODS**

- Milk\*
- Egg\*
- Soy\*
- Wheat\*
- Peanut
- Tree nuts
- Fish
- Shellfish

Clinical QI, Common OA / Allergy Clin Immunol 2018; 141-41

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**NOW - THE BIG NINE**

Declared an allergen April 2021  
Labeling required January 2023

**SESAME**

- Affects 0.1 – 0.2% general population
- Estimated to affect 17% of children with IgE-mediated food allergy
- Often co-occurs with peanut/tree nut sensitization and allergy
- Only 20-30% resolve
- Tahini - paste made with ground sesame seeds (hummus)

© Sotol et al. Pediatric Allergy and Immunology 30:1311, pp.13-15 (2019)  
Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education and Research (FASTER) Act of 2021

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- Cow's Milk
- Egg
- Wheat
- Soy

MORE COMMON  
IN KIDS

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- Shellfish
- Fish
- Peanuts
- Tree nuts

MORE COMMON  
IN ADULTS

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- **Oral Ingestion - Primary route**
- **Inhalation of airborne food allergens**
  - During aerosolization, food proteins may become airborne. Inhalation contact has been shown to induce asthmatic or respiratory reactions in highly sensitive individuals<sup>1</sup>
  - Prolonged exposure increases the risk of sensitization (occupational and nonoccupational settings<sup>1</sup>)
  - Asthma symptoms can occur in sensitized children in a confined area (fish, shellfish, eggs, chickpeas, buckwheat)<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Peanut butter is an oily substance, and the aroma does not appear to contain sufficient protein to induce respiratory reactions<sup>4</sup>
- **Skin Exposure**
  - Even in the most highly sensitive individuals, appear to cause very limited reactions<sup>1,4</sup>
  - Problematic with inadvertent oral contact with the food and subsequent transfer of allergen from the hands to the mouth or other mucosal tissues<sup>5</sup>

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ROUTES OF EXPOSURE

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### A (NOT SO) BRIEF HISTORY

- 1990's, Food allergies, specifically peanut allergy, prevalence began to rise
- 2000, The American Academy of Pediatrics recommended high-risk children **avoid** peanuts until they reached 3-years-old. This included pregnancy and lactation
- 2008, The Journal of Allergy & Clinical Immunology published the initial findings of the high prevalence of peanut allergy in Jewish children in the UK compared to Israeli children (observation by Dr. Gideon Lack)
- 2008, Recommendations for the avoidance of allergens were **withdrawn**.

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### HISTORY

- 2010 Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Food Allergy in the United States
  - Extensive literature review over two years by Expert Panel and Coordinating Committee.
  - Met a long-standing need to establish best clinical practices across medical specialties, consensus of definitions and diagnostic criteria and provide guidance on addressing points of controversy in patient management BUT did not offer strategies for prevention (lack of definitive studies)
- 2010, The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) a component of NIH, reported that there was not enough evidence to support the idea that waiting to feed children certain foods prevents food allergy.
- NOTE: Guidelines then changed to suggest feeding infants solid foods (including allergenic foods) no later than 4- to 6-months. However, most pediatricians continued to recommend avoidance of peanuts and other common allergens at that time.

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### HISTORY

- 2013, DEVIL TRIAL – Determining the Efficacy and Value of Immunotherapy on the likelihood of peanut tolerance
- 2014, Food Allergy: A Practice Parameter Update 2014 published
  - Developed to address recent advances and optimal methods of diagnosis and management based on the most current literature
  - Summary Statements
- 2015, LEAP (**L**earning **E**arly **A**bout **P**eanut **A**llergy) trial results were published in the New England Journal of Medicine
  - The first randomized trial to study early allergen introduction as a preventive strategy. A revolutionary study.

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### HISTORY

- June, 2015, The NIAID established Coordinating Committee (CC) to oversee the development of the addendum to the 2010 guidelines and broad utility of the recommendations in clinical practice and disseminate the addendum.
  - The CC members represented 26 professional organizations, advocacy groups, and federal agencies
- September, 2015, Implications of the "Consensus Communication on Early Peanut Introduction in the Prevention of Peanut Allergy in High-Risk Infants" for Allergists, Primary Care Physicians, Patients, and Society was published
- Early 2017, NIAID officially changed its guidelines to support early introduction to greatly reduce the risk of developing a peanut allergy
- 2017, Addendum to the 2010 Guidelines – modified Section "Prevention of Food Allergies"

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### HISTORY

- 2018, PALISADE – First FDA approved peanut flour product (arachis hypogaea)
  - OIT Study of AR101 for Desensitization, an international, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial; Evaluated the efficacy and safety of AR101 in children and adults with peanut allergy
  - Conclusion: AR101 was an immunomodulatory treatment that resulted in desensitization in children and adolescents who were highly allergic to peanut
  - Beyond PALISADES: Ongoing immunomodulation was observed during the second year of treatment.
- 2020, Peanut Allergy Diagnosis: A 2020 Practice Parameter Update
  - Systematic review, and grade analysis
- 2022, IMPACT – First placebo-controlled study to investigate efficacy and safety of OIT in peanut allergic 1-3 year-olds

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A child with peanut allergy has about a 20% chance of outgrowing peanut allergy.

True

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**True**

- In about 20% of children with peanut allergy, it resolves with time.
- Affects approximately 2% of children in the US
- Approximately 35% of children with PN allergy also have a tree nut allergy.
- In children allergic to tree nuts, the resolution rate is about 10%

Skolnick HS, Conover-Walker MK, Kocumler CB, Sampson HA, Burks W, Wood RA. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2001 Feb;107(2):367-74.  
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**Learning Early About Peanut Allergy**

- Based on 2008 observation. The rate of peanut allergy in Israeli children was about one-tenth the rate among Jewish kids in Great Britain
- Likely because Israeli babies ate high amounts of peanut protein, while British parents avoided it
- Hypothesis: Regular eating of peanut-containing products, when started during infancy, will elicit a protective immune response instead of an allergic immune reaction

2015 - LEAP – LANDMARK TRIAL - PREVENTION

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**Learning Early About Peanut Allergy**

- First randomized trial to study early allergen introduction as a preventive strategy
- More than 600 High-Risk kids 4-11 months with severe AD and/or egg allergy
- Consumed or avoided peanuts until age 5
- The risk of developing PA was reduced by 81%

Conclusion: The early introduction of peanuts significantly decreased the frequency of the development of peanut allergy among children at high risk for this allergy and modulated immune responses to peanuts.

Du Toit G, Roberts G, Sayre PH, Baheson HT, Radulovic S, Santos AP, et al. Randomized trial of peanut consumption in infants at risk for peanut allergy. N Engl J Med. 2013;372:803-13. (Funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and others)

2015 - LEAP – LANDMARK TRIAL - PREVENTION

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**Is Peanut Oral Immunotherapy Useful for Young toddlers?**

- Most such children remain allergic throughout their lifetime, at substantial risk for anaphylaxis from accidental exposure
- Large, blinded study of peanut-allergic toddlers (ages 1-3)
- After 2.5 years receiving oral immunotherapy, 71% of treated participants could safely consume 5000 mg of peanut protein, equivalent to nearly 17 peanuts
- Even after stopping maintenance dosing for the next 6 months, more than 1 in 5 patients maintained that level of protection,
- AND nearly 3 in 5 still met the 600-mg benchmark (about 2 peanuts)

Stavikis M, Jones, MD, Edwin H Kim, MD, Eug C Nisodocou, MD, Anna Nisodocou-Wieczorek, MD, Robert A Wood, MD, Judith A Schwaninger, MD, et al. Lancet 2022;399:359-371

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**Implications for the Health Care Team**

- In children with peanut allergy, starting peanut OIT before age 4 years offers long-term clinical efficacy and safety.
- Younger age and lower baseline peanut-specific IgE predicted remission.
- The findings suggest a therapeutic window of opportunity to intervene in earliest childhood to induce remission of peanut allergy.

Stavikis M, Jones, MD, Edwin H Kim, MD, Eug C Nisodocou, MD, Anna Nisodocou-Wieczorek, MD, Robert A Wood, MD, Judith A Schwaninger, MD, et al. Lancet 2022;399:359-371

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**We've come a long way...**

- Prevention: Early introduction of solid foods to elicit a protective immune response
- Tolerance: Oral Immunotherapy to lower the risk of anaphylaxis
  - Desensitization vs sustained unresponsiveness (SU)

**PREVENTION / TOLERANCE**

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Joint task force led by Dr. Hugh Sampson  
 Developed to address recent advances and optimal methods of diagnosis and management  
 Most current, complete and comprehensive literature review at that time  
 Provided 64 Summary Statements including Strength of recommendation and Class of evidence

www.jacionline.org, www.jcaai.org, or www.allergyparameters.org  
 2014 American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jaci.2014.05.013>

**FOOD ALLERGY: A PRACTICE PARAMETER UPDATE - 2014**

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**Initial Consultation**  
**Summary Statement 22:**  
 Obtain a detailed medical history and physical examination to aid in the diagnosis of food allergy. [Strength of recommendation: Strong; D Evidence]

- Detailed medical history
  - Detailed description of symptoms
  - Onset of reaction – within minutes to hours
  - Historical aspects of reactions
    - Consistent? How much ingested, how prepared?
- Review of labels for hidden allergens
- Related to alcohol consumption, medication dosing, exercise?
- Physical exam – evidence of allergic disease?
- Rule out other clinical entities

**SECTION VI: DIAGNOSING FOOD ALLERGY**

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**Allergy Testing**  
**Summary Statement 23:**  
 Use specific IgE tests (SPTs, serum tests, or both) to foods as diagnostic tools; however, testing should be focused on foods suspected of provoking the reaction, and test results alone should not be considered diagnostic of food allergy. [Strength of recommendation: Strong; B Evidence]

- Prick skin tests
- Serum IgE testing
- Panel testing not recommended
- OFC or food introduction
- No evidence to support use of serum IgE testing in children who are not at high risk

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**Allergy Testing**

**Summary Statement 34:**

Unproved tests, including allergen specific IgG measurement, cytotoxicity assays, applied kinesiology, provocation neutralization, and hair analysis, should not be used for the evaluation of food allergy. [Strength of recommendation: Strong; C Evidence]

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The results of food-specific IgE tests (skin prick test, serum levels) reliably predict the severity of future reactions to the food.

True

False

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**False**

There is **no current diagnostic test that can predict the severity of future reactions.**

Wheat size has not been correlated with disease severity but can aid in medical decision making. Can be used as predictor for oral tolerance (select foods)

Pumphrey RS, Gowland MW. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2007 Apr;119(4):1010.  
Spergel JM, Beaudouin E, Padellaro J, Gindberg J, Roggen K, Pavesiotti NA. Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol. 2004 Feb;92(2):217-24.  
JAKov: Current Allergy and Asthma Reports. 2009 May;9(5):179-85.

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**Oral Food Challenge: The Gold Standard**

**Summary Statement 25:**  
 The clinician should consider OFCs to aid in the diagnosis of IgE-mediated food allergy. [Strength of recommendation: Strong; A Evidence]

- DBPCFC is the gold standard
- Single-blind and open frequently for clinical use, graded dosing

**Summary Statement 26:**  
 If clinical history is not consistent with anaphylaxis, perform a graded OFC to rule out food allergy.

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**Prevent**

**Recognize**

**Treat**

CORNERSTONE OF MANAGEMENT:  
 PATIENT EDUCATION

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**Patient Education**

**Summary Statement 45:**  
 Discuss self-care management techniques, especially with high-risk patients, (eg, adolescents, young adults, and asthmatic patients)  
 Focusing on risk reduction and recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis.  
 [Strength of recommendation: Strong; C Evidence]

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### Patient Education

#### Management of food allergy should include:

- Ongoing clinical assessment to re-evaluate the patient's allergic status
- Monitoring of dietary allergen avoidance
  - Label reading, cross-contact, special settings, nutritional status, accidental ingestion
- QOL and effect on the patient and his or her family
- Assess for comorbidities: asthma, atopic dermatitis, allergic rhinitis
- Yearly education is needed to reinforce the importance of early recognition and emergency treatment of acute allergic reactions, use of an updated emergency action plan, and repeat training with the epinephrine autoinjector

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- Food Allergy Action Plan / Anaphylaxis Action Plan
- Allergy ID Wear
- Chef Card
- Antigen cards – Read Every Label – Every time!
- Auto Injection Trainers
- Role playing
- Allergy labels
- Evidence-based resources

TOOLS OF THE ASTHMA EDUCATOR

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#### The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Plan

- Develop WITH the patient / caregiver
- List of known allergens
- Recognize the symptoms of adverse reaction, SEVERE and MILD
- Know what to do, how to treat, including dose (weight determines dose)
- Epinephrine auto injectors use
  - Instruct patient and caregivers
  - 2 doses available at all time
  - Call 911 with use
  - Review at every visit



THE ROLE OF THE ASTHMA EDUCATOR

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**FARE FOOD ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS EMERGENCY CARE PLAN**

Printed on: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For a suspected or active food allergy reaction.

**SEVERE SYMPTOMS**

If observed, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was identified, even if there are no symptoms.

**SEVERE SYMPTOMS:**

- LUNGS:** Wheezing, coughing, trouble breathing, chest tightness.
- HEART:** Rapid heart rate, fainting, dizziness.
- THROAT:** Swelling, trouble swallowing, trouble speaking.
- MOUTH:** Swelling, trouble swallowing, trouble speaking.
- SKIN:** Hives, swelling, redness, itching.
- NOSE:** Swelling, trouble breathing.
- OTHER:** Trouble breathing, trouble speaking, trouble swallowing.
- BE A CARRIAGE:** If you are in a vehicle, stop immediately and call 911.

**INJECT EPINEPHRINE IMMEDIATELY.**

Use the following instructions for the epinephrine auto-injector:

- 1. Remove the cap and hold the auto-injector in your hand.
- 2. Press the auto-injector against your thigh.
- 3. Push the auto-injector against your thigh until you hear a click.
- 4. Hold the auto-injector against your thigh for 10 seconds.
- 5. Remove the auto-injector and dispose of it properly.

**MILD SYMPTOMS**

If observed, give antihistamines immediately for mild symptoms if the allergen was identified.

**MILD SYMPTOMS:**

- NOSE:** Runny nose, sneezing, itchy nose.
- MOUTH:** Swelling, trouble swallowing, trouble speaking.
- SKIN:** Hives, swelling, redness, itching.

**GIVE ANTIHISTAMINES, IF ORDERED BY PHYSICIAN**

1. Give the antihistamine as ordered by your physician.

2. If you are unsure of the dose, call your physician.

**MEDICATIONS/DOSES**

Antihistamine: \_\_\_\_\_

Epinephrine: \_\_\_\_\_

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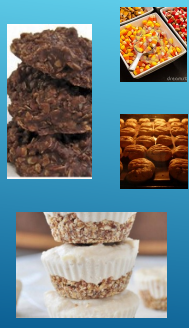
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**THE ROLE OF THE ASTHMA EDUCATOR**

How do you guide your patients?



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**Food Allergy Hot Spots:**

- Restaurants, Buffets
- Carnivals
- Amusement Parks
- Bakeries, Ice Cream Shops
- Gatherings



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NIAID:  
 "Although overall mortality is low, the fear of life-threatening anaphylactic reactions contributes significantly to the medical and psychosocial burden of disease."



Quinn ES, Kim JS, Barnathan JS, et al. Food allergy: knowledge, attitudes and beliefs: focus groups of parents, physicians and the general public. BMC Public Health. 2010; 10:236.

**ROLE OF THE ASTHMA EDUCATOR**

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**Physical / Dietary**

- Poor Nutrition, Growth

**Psychological**

- Fear and guilt
- Anaphylaxis Anxiety – unpredictability and frequency
- Marital tension, concern about the possible negative effects of parental/caregiver hypervigilance on their child, family tensions
- Burden of Avoidance

**Social**

- Social Isolation
- Bullying
- Restriction of activities

**Economic Burden:** Medical, Cost of foods

Alshamirah RK, Bink RM, Doolittle-Carter K, Rowland EM, et al. Pediatric Allergy Immunol 2011; 22:272.  
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**ROLE OF THE ASTHMA EDUCATOR**




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**RECOGNIZE**

**ANAPHYLAXIS:**  
 Involves multiple organ systems

- Cutaneous (not always seen)
- Gastrointestinal
- Respiratory
- Cardiovascular
- Neurologic: "impending doom"

Occurs within minutes to few hours  
 Biphasic reactions

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**Where do most fatal food reactions occur?**

- At home
- Homes of friends
- Restaurants
- Work/office settings
- Schools – 16-18% experienced first reaction (peanut/tree nut) in school



**Most food-induced anaphylaxis is triggered by food that was *not* prepared by the patients themselves**

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**Who is at the greatest risk for fatal food-induced anaphylaxis?**

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**Associated with fatal food-induced anaphylaxis:**

- History of asthma\*
- Adolescent/young adult
- Prior history of reaction, even if not severe
- Absence of cutaneous symptoms
- Peanut and tree nuts allergy - over 90% of cases of fatal food-induced anaphylaxis
- Body posture (empty ventricle, inadequate venous return)
- Delay in the administration of epinephrine
- Antihistamines do NOT stop an anaphylactic reaction
- Asthma inhaler should NOT be considered first line treatment.

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Exercising after ingesting food may increase the severity of the reaction.

- True
- False

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True

Exercising, having a related viral illness, ingesting alcohol, or taking drugs such as antacids, aspirin and NSAIDs may increase the severity of an acute reaction to food.

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**Weight-based intramuscular epinephrine dosing and administration for anaphylaxis in health care settings**

In patients with severe symptoms or who are rapidly deteriorating, use an autoinjector if drawing up the dose will cause a significant delay. Draw up doses available in 0.1 mg/mL (1:10,000), 0.1 mg (EpiPen®), 0.15 mg (EpiPen® Jr, Soluvia®), 0.3 mg (EpiPen®), 0.3 mg (EpiPen® Jr), 0.3 mg (Aurigen®), 0.3 mg (Soluvia®).

Weight	Preferred	Alternative
<10 kg (infants)	Draw up 0.01 mg/kg (0.01 mL/kg of epinephrine 1 mg/mL)	0.1 mg autoinjector If not available, 0.1 mg autoinjector may be drawn up and 0.1 mL of epinephrine 1 mg/mL
10 to 25 kg (infants and children)	0.15 mg autoinjector	Draw up 0.15 mg (0.15 mL of epinephrine 1 mg/mL)
>25 to 50 kg	0.3 mg autoinjector	Draw up 0.3 mg (0.3 mL of epinephrine 1 mg/mL)
>50 kg	Draw up 0.3 mg (0.3 mL of epinephrine 1 mg/mL)	0.3 mg autoinjector

- If the dose is to be drawn up, confirm that the 1 mg/mL epinephrine solution is being used. Draw up into a 1 mL syringe. The intramuscular injection is given into the mid-outer thigh.
- If using an autoinjector, it should be held in place for three seconds after the injection, which is sufficient to deliver the dose.
- Most patients respond to a single dose of intramuscular epinephrine. However, if there is no response or an inadequate response, then intramuscular epinephrine may be repeated at 5- to 15-minute intervals or sooner, if clinically indicated.



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**EpiPen® / EpiPen Jr.** [www.epipen.com](http://www.epipen.com)

**Generic** epinephrine autoinjectors

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**EPIPHAST – AQST-109**

- Epinephrine Oral Film - sublingual / swallow whole
- Compared to 0.3mg IM
- Small, portable, weather resistant packaging
- T-max 12 minutes
- FDA press release July, 2022 – Fast tracked in March 2022

Not yet FDA approved?  
Further studies?

[www.aquestive.com](http://www.aquestive.com)

**TREAT – EMERGING THERAPY**



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- Peer education
- Safe practices in school
- Cafeteria, classroom, field trips, sports, after school activities
- Food Allergy Plan / Anaphylaxis plans
- The Right to Carry Laws (epinephrine)
- Availability of Epinephrine Autoinjectors
- Staff education

**THE ROLE OF THE ASTHMA EDUCATOR:  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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- Life happens – accidental ingestion happens - Be prepared!
  - Proactive
- Recognize food allergy hotspots – know where to get help
- Always carry 2 epinephrine autoinjectors
  - Know when and how to use
  - Know how to store and when to replace
- Carry your plan; share your plan
- Consider periodic “Drills”

TAKE HOME MESSAGES – FOR PATIENTS / FAMILIES

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- Education is power!
- Individualized educational needs and support – kids, teens, young adults, adults
- Correct diagnosis – appropriate management
- All patients with food allergies should carry 2 epinephrine autoinjectors – multiple caregivers
- Keep up with the current literature

TAKE HOME MESSAGES – FOR ASTHMA EDUCATORS

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RESOURCES – PATIENTS AND ASTHMA EDUCATORS

- FARE Food Allergy Research & Education  
[www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org)
- Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network  
[www.allergyasthmanetwork.org](http://www.allergyasthmanetwork.org)
- Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
[www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)
- American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology  
[www.aaaai.org](http://www.aaaai.org)
- American College of Asthma, Allergy, and Immunology  
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### OTHER RESOURCES

- NIH NEWS IN HEALTH -Understanding Food Allergies | NIH News in Health (A monthly newsletter from the National Institutes of Health, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- US Food & Drug Administration – FDA recalls –free e-mail subscription service recall notices
- Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 [Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004 \(FALCPA\)](https://www.fda.gov/oc/food-allergen-labeling-and-consumer-protection-act-of-2004) | FDA
- State Laws | Advocacy with Allergy & Asthma Network ([allergyasthmanetwork.org](http://allergyasthmanetwork.org))  
All 50 states now have laws protecting students' rights to carry and use prescribed anaphylaxis medications.
- Up to Date Patient Education [www.uptodate.com/home/uptodate-patient-education](http://www.uptodate.com/home/uptodate-patient-education)
- Pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov
- Continuing education: Jaffe Food Allergy Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, New York and other institutions

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