

## **ALLERGY & ASTHMA SPECIALISTS OF CADILLAC**

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#### SKIN TESTING INFORMATION SHEET

A visit to see an allergist often involves skin testing. Certain medications may affect skin testing. Please note the following. (You are welcome to call us if you have any questions.):

- Sunburn and tanned skin should be avoided for at least one week before skin testing.
- f If you are taking asthma medications such as Advair, Vanceril, Beclovent, Flovent, Azmacort, Aerobid, Pulmicort, Proventil, Ventolin, Albuterol, Serevent, Accolate, Symbicort or Theophylline, it is important you continue taking them.
- Flease call the office if you are taking medications for **high blood pressure**, anxiety, depression, or trouble sleeping, as we will review these medications with you before deciding whether or not you need to stop them before skin testing.
- *All antihistamines or combination antihistamine/decongestants, including over-the-counter allergy medications must be stopped (if possible) prior to your skin testing appointment. Examples include the following:*

# 2 days prior to skin testing:

Skin creams and lotions (it is only necessary to stop these on the arms or back)

Accolate Pepcid Tagamet famotidine ranitidine Zantac

montelukast Singulair

## 3 days prior to skin testing:

Actifed Contac meclizine Rondec Allarest Dayquil Nyquil Rynatan

Antivert Deconamine olopatadine Simply Sleeping

Optivar **Tavist** Astelin Dimetapp azelastine diphenhydramine Pataday Tussi-12 Benadryl Drixoral Patanase Tylenol PM CTM Duratap Robitussin (when Zaditor chlorpheniramine Extendryl combined with antihistamines) Zzzquil

## 5 days prior to skin testing:

Alavert levocetirizine Xyzal cetirizine loratidine Zyrtec Claritin Tussionex QlearQuil

### 7 days prior to skin testing

Allegra desloratidine Marax
Atarax doxepin Periactin
Clarinex fexofenadine Phenergan
cyproheptadine hydroxyzine Vistaril