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Required Labeling of Allergy Serum Vials & Instructions for Late/ Missed Doses

Muhlenberg College Health Services is pleased to administer your prescribed allergy immunotherapy. Allergy Injections are given by our nursing staff when a physician is present at the center. We DO NOT administer insect/ bee venom. We DO NOT administer the first injection, including the first injection from a new vial of changed concentration.

In order to provide quality care to our allergy patients we require certain documentation to be clearly noted on all allergy serum vials and instructions. Our list of criteria is checked every time we receive new vials of serum.

In an effort to provide immunotherapy without a delay in schedule and to minimize calls to your allergist office, we require the following be completed:

- Are vials labeled with the patient's name?
- Are the vials labeled/ coded as to concentration?
- Are the vials labeled/ coded as to antigen content?
- Are the expiration dates indicated?
- Are vials labeled by number, letter, or color to correspond to physicians written orders?
- Is a schedule indicating the amount and frequency of each injection present?
- Does student have an emergency kit (Epi-Pen, Benadryl, and rescue inhaler if prescribed)?
- Are the instructions for missed or late injections present?
- **To avoid confusion with injections being considered late from the date the injections were due, or from the date of the last injections, please put late instructions in the following format from the date the last injections were given. THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE. Please include your patient's specific instructions.**
 - **Days 1-7, increase dose as ordered**
 - **Days 8-14, repeat the last dose given**
 - **Days 15-21, go back one dose**
 - **Days 22-28, call for dosing instructions.**

Please include instructions in this format for both building and maintenance schedules.

All of this information must be provided before allergy injections will be given. We WILL NOT re-label or change labels on vials.

We thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office (tel: 484-664-3199; fax 484-664-3522).