

Rocky Mountain Allergy Center

Allergy Shots Immunotherapy

Immunotherapy commonly referred to as "allergy shots" is a program designed to desensitize you to those substances to which you are allergic. Repeated injections of a sterile mixture, allows your immune system to build up protection. The antigens used for treatment are merely the substances that are causing the allergic reactions and not foreign material. The offending antigens are being presented to the immune system repeatedly in a way that the immune system is able to adjust to the exposure and build up protection instead of producing an adverse reaction.

After several months of weekly injections of increasingly stronger doses, you will reach a maintenance dose and continue to receive that dose at regular intervals. The size of the doses and length of intervals between doses depends greatly on your response to the injections. The average length of the immunotherapy program is 3 to 5 years depending on the severity of the allergies.

Most insurance companies cover allergy shots. You will need to contact your insurance company to find out coverage. Our office will bill your insurance. Each patient's individual allergy serum vials are mixed every 10 to 12 weeks. The insurance ICD-10 code for the serum is 95165 and cost is \$420.00 per vial.

Weekly shots are billed as followed: 1 shot, ICD-10 code 95115 for \$28.00, 2 or more shots, ICD-10 code 95117 for \$34.00.

If you are interested in allergy immunotherapy shots and would like more information, please contact our allergy department.

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