

Cycle 2- Allergies
2201 - The Job of an Allergist
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WILLIAM CRAWFORD, MD:

Allergists are trained to take care of allergic conditions, and problems with the immune system because our specialty is allergy and immunology.

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JAVED SHEIKH, MD:

So, they're all conditions that involve, generally, an over-active immune system leading to problems. So a lot of people know some of the basics, with seasonal hay fever or allergic rhinitis, allergic skin rashes, asthma, but it covers other conditions, too. We really can cover things that affect the whole body as far as allergies. Might be the skin, might be sinuses, eyes, nose, throat, lungs, swelling or rashes anywhere on the body.

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MICHAEL LAND, MD:

I chose a career in allergy, because I suffer from allergies myself. I grew up with nasal congestion, runny nose, sneezing oftentimes in the springtime and summer. I had trouble reacting to cats and dogs as a child. And I also had eczema. And when I was in medical school I began to find that some of my family members developed food allergies, which also prompted me to pursue an interest in research, and understanding more about food allergies myself.

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WILLIAM CRAWFORD, MD:

It takes a lot of training to become an allergist. You have to complete your undergraduate degree. You have to go to medical school usually for four years. Graduate from medical school. You have to do an additional three years of training either in internal medicine, or in pediatrics. You have to pass your board exam to either be a board certified internal medicine doctor, or a board certified pediatrician. And then you take at least two additional years of training in allergy, and immunology, and pass your boards in that specialty to become an allergist, and immunologist.

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ASHMI DOSHI, MD:

There's so much research going on that's coming out, especially in, like, the realm of food allergy and the immune system. So, I think that's really exciting. And then, one of the things that I really enjoy is that every day I get to help people feel better.

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