

Cycle 2- Allergies
2210 - The Allergy Shot Experience
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JOHN CHASE, MD:

Allergy shots actually are fairly painless. They are tiny needles. I actually receive allergy shots myself. It's generally given in the arm. It's typically kind of a small volume of liquid that's injected, too.

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FAITH HUANG, MD:

We start at a very small dose and very, very gradually build up so that we don't make you have an allergic reaction on the first try. And then we space it out to usually every few weeks or so. And it's usually a three to five year treatment plan. So that's definitely kind of a much longer treatment, but it's a different route in that we're actually desensitizing your immune system.

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PAMELA, patient:

I take a Claritin because the injection site, you might get itching. Or you might get some wheels, depending on how much exposure you've had. You know, how much exposure I've had-- during the month to the different allergies. So that seems to help.

Well once I started the injections it was like a different world. I was so accustomed to sneezing ten, 15 times in a row, 20, 30 times. After the allergy injections, I started-- noticing if I sneezed, I thought, "What is wrong?" You know, it wasn't, it just wasn't normal. So they've really helped me a lot. And-- a complete difference in my life.

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MADLYN FERNSTROM:

If the allergy shots work well, patients will experience relief from all of their allergy symptoms, and will be able to reduce or even eliminate the need for allergy medication.

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