

The pediatricians at VIP MidSouth are committed to providing quality healthcare to all our patients. This often includes working in concert with pediatric specialists, including allergists. For our patients who need to receive allergy injections, our providers partner with parents and allergists to provide a safe and convenient alternative to traveling to the allergist's office to receive allergy injections. Allergy injections can be worthwhile and are very helpful in relieving allergy symptoms; however, this treatment plan is an investment of time that will require the parent to frequently bring the patient to the office for injections over an extended length of time. Substantial and long-lasting improvement from symptoms can only occur if the schedule and plan of care set forth by the allergist is followed consistently.

VIP MidSouth has developed the following guidelines that we feel are necessary to successfully offer this service.

- All patients must follow the injection schedule created by the allergist dispensing the allergy serum.
- Complete compliance during the “buildup” and “maintenance” schedule of injections is mandatory.
- All patients must visit their allergist at least once annually, or more often if required by the allergist. The patient must also be up to date with their well visits at our office.
- Allergy serum will never be released to the parent or patient for transport to another clinic.
- Patients who have been instructed, by their allergist, to take an antihistamine before their injection, to reduce the chance or severity of a local reaction, must comply.
- Any patient with recurrent reactions will be required to visit their allergist before any additional injections will be administered at VIP MidSouth.
- There is a MANDATORY 30-minute waiting period after receiving an allergy injection. This requires both the patient and the parent or legal guardian to remain in the office for the entire 30 minutes. Failure to comply with the waiting period will result in the IMMEDIATE dismissal of the patient from the allergy protocol.
- Allergy injections are done by appointment only. Walk-in times are not available.

To be accepted into the VIP MidSouth allergy protocol, the patient must have the approval of their pediatrician and adhere to all the above guidelines. Non-compliance with any of these guidelines may result in the dismissal of the patient from the allergy protocol.

We look forward to partnering with our patients, their parents and allergists to provide this convenient service. If you have any questions, please contact the nurse at the clinic where your child is a patient.