

FRANCE AVENUE FAMILY PHYSICIANS

MEDICATIONS WHICH INTERFERE WITH SKIN TESTING

Prescription Medications

Antihistamine or antihistamine-like medications

Discontinue **5 days** prior to skin testing.

Examples include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Allegra
- Atarax
- Atrohist
- Benadryl
- Bromfed
- Clarinex
- Claritin
- Codimal
- Dimetane
- Dura-Vent/DA
- Hycomine
- Kronofed Nolahist
- Nolamine Rynatan
- Periactin
- Rynatus
- Semprex
- Sinulin
- Tagament
- Trinalin
- Vistaril
- Zantac
- Zyrtec
- Astelin Nasal Spray

Other medications having antihistamine activity which may interfere with skin testing:*

**These medications may need to be discontinued prior to skin testing, but only after discussions with your allergist and your prescribing physician.*

- Amitriptyline (Elavil, Etrafon, Limbitrol, Triavil)
- Desipramine (Norpramin)
- Doxepin (Sinequan)
- Imipramine (Tofranil)
- Nortriptyline (Pamelor)
- Protriptyline (Vivactil)
- Trimipramine (Surmontil)
- Prednisone

Over-the-counter Medications

Cold, flu, sinus, and allergy preparations:

Discontinue **5 days** prior to skin testing

Examples include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Actifed
- Alka-Seltzer
- Allerest
- Benadryl
- Children's Tylenol (cold & flu)
- Chlor-Trimeton
- Comtrex
- Contac
- Coricidin
- Dimetapp
- Drixoral
- Novahistine Elixir
- PediaCare (cough & cold)
- Robitussin (cold)
- Sine-Off
- Sinutab (sinus & allergy)
- Sudafed (sinus & allergy)
- Tavist
- Teldrin
- Triaminic
- Tylenol (cold, sinus, allergy, flu)
- Vick's (cold)

Night-time pain relievers/ sleeping aids:

Discontinue **5 days** prior to skin testing

Examples include (but are limited to) the following:

- Bayer PM
- Doan's PM
- Excedrin PM
- Nytol Caplets
- Tylenol PM
- Unisom Sleep Aid

BETA-BLOCKER MEDICATIONS

Please inform the physician and/or technician prior to skin testing if you are taking any of these medications.

Cardiovascular (Heart/Blood Pressure) Medications

- Betapace (Sotalol)
- Blocadren (Timolol)
- Coreg (Carvedilol)
- Corzide
- Cartrol Filmtab (Carteolol)
- Corgard (Nadolol)
- Corzide
- Inderal (Propranolol)
- Kerlone (Betaxolol)
- Levatol (Penbutolol)
- Lopressor (Metoprolol)
- Normozide
- Nomodyne (Labetalol)
- Sectral (Acebutolol)
- Tenormin (Atenolol)
- Toprol-XL (Metoprolol)
- Trandate (Labetalol)
- Zebeta (Bisoprolol)
- Visken (Pindolol)

Cardiovascular (Heart/Blood Pressure) Medications with Diuretic (Water Pill)

- Inderide or Inderide LA (Propranolol)
- Lopressor HCT (Metoprolol)
- Tenoretic (Atenolol)
- Timolide (Timolol)
- Ziac (Bisoprolol)

Migraine Preparations

- Blocadren (Timolol)
- Inderal (Propranolol)

Ophthalmic Preparations (eye drops)

- Betagen (Levobunolol)
- Betoptic (Betaxolol)
- Blocadren (Timolol)
- Ocupress (Carteolol)
- Optipranolol (Metipranolol)
- Timoptic (Timolol)

Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors

- Isocarboxazid (Marplan)
- Phenelzine (Nardil)
- Tranylepromine (Pamate)

