

### **Allergy Shots**

The IPFW/ Parkview Health and Wellness Clinic will administer allergy shots to students who bring in instructions and serum from their doctor. Students are seen for allergy injections only by appointment. Please see our policy regarding allergy shots below.

- 1) The student/patient is responsible for providing and re-ordering the allergy serum.
- 2) Allergy serum must be accompanied by explicit directions for administration, late instructions, date of last injections, and a list of allergens in each bottle.
- 3) Each vial is to be labeled with the patient's name and an expiration date.
- 4) The above criteria must be met prior to administration of allergy serum at the IPFW/Parkview Health and Wellness Clinic.
- 5) If you are so late for your shot that your allergist's written instructions do not apply to the situation, it is your responsibility to call your allergist's office and ask them to fax us instructions.
- 6) Injections are given Mondays through Thursday after 8:00 am, and no later than 4 pm. Fridays from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
- 7) Injections are administered by a nurse practitioner or CMA. Disposable syringes and needles are provided.
- 8) After the injection, the student must wait at least 20 minutes. If your allergist's instructions call for a longer wait then you must follow those instructions. The injection site must be checked by a nurse before the student leaves the health center.
- 9) Students are responsible for taking their solution and instructions with them if they will need an injection while away from Indiana Purdue of Fort Wayne.
- 10) The Health Center provides storage for allergy serum at the Health Center. Reasonable care is taken to insure their safety. Refrigeration temperatures are monitored daily and if the temperature is out of range, it is addressed promptly and vaccines are moved to a different storage location, however, power outages or other malfunctions may cause temperatures to reach levels which may cause damage to the vaccine.
- 11) Please be advised that the Health Center will not assume financial responsibility for damage caused by such unforeseeable occurrences. In the event of probable damage to your serum, you will be notified to obtain fresh serum from your providing physician.

12) The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, our accrediting agency, prohibits storage of expired medications. Therefore, unclaimed allergy extracts will be destroyed on the last day of the month during which they expire.