

## **Asthma and Pediatric Allergy**

Clinical studies have shown that young children who develop atopic dermatitis<sup>1,2</sup> or allergic rhinitis<sup>1,3,4</sup> have an increased tendency to develop asthma as they grow older. Through a comprehensive allergy test portfolio, LabCorp can assist in providing better care for the youngest patients.

LabCorp's quantitative allergen-specific IgE tests can be useful in assessing the potential that an atopic disposition might play in fostering chronic sinusitis or dermatitis and potentially asthma. Accurate diagnosis of allergen sensitivity can allow the clinician to develop an optimal therapeutic approach at an early age.

The progressive development of increasingly debilitating allergic disease as an atopic child grows into adulthood has been referred to by some researchers as the "allergy march." <sup>2,3,4</sup> Early intervention may help improve the child's symptoms and may reduce the chances of developing asthma in the future. <sup>1-4</sup>

To assist in diagnosing allergen sensitivity in young children, LabCorp now offers the ImmunoCAP® Childhood Allergy Profile.

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## 604771 Allergen Profile, IgE (Pediatric) With Component Reflexes\*

Method: Quantitative allergen-specific IgE test Specimen Requirement: 4 mL serum (room temperature) **Food** Animal/Dust Almond Sesame Seed Cladosporium herbarum Cat Dander Macadamia Nut Brazil Nut Cockroach, German Milk Shrimp Cashew Nut Peanut (Whole) Soybean D farinae Codfish Walnut D pteronyssinus Pecan Egg White Dog Dander Wheat Pistachio Hazelnut (Filbert) Scallop Mouse Urine

If milk  $lgE \ge 0.35$  kU/L, reflex tests  $\alpha$ -lactalbumin,  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin, and casein will be added.

If egg white  $IgE \ge 0.35 \text{ kU/L}$ , reflex tests ovalbumin and ovomucoid will be added.

Brazil nut: Ber e 1 / cashew nut; hazelnut (filbert), peanut (whole), and/or walnut is 0.10 kU/L, reflex testing will be completed as follows: Brazil nut: Ber e 1 / cashew nut: Ana o 3 / hazelnut (filbert): Cor a 1, Cor a 8, Cor a 9, and Cor a 14 / peanut (whole): Ara h 1, Ara h 2, Ara h 3, Ara h 6, Ara h 8, and Ara h 9 / walnut: Jug r 1 and Jug r 3



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\*If reflex testing is performed, additional charges/CPT code(s) may apply.