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# Allergy screening

The DK-German Medical Diagnostic Center would like to announce the availability of Allergy testing. Our Allergy tests are developed and manufactured in Germany.



# What are Allergies:

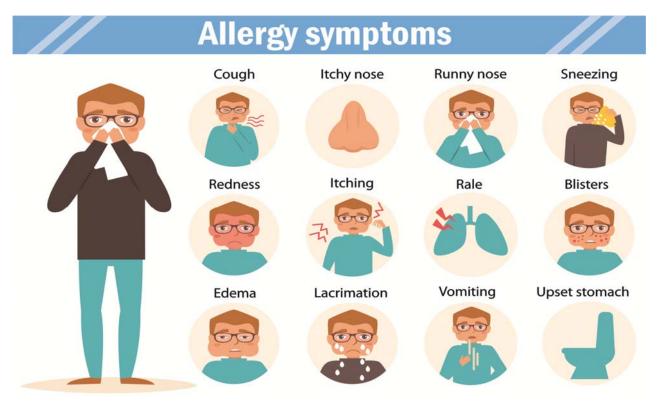
Have you ever felt like you or someone you know is constantly coughing and sneezing? When a cough isn't just a cough, it could be allergies.

About one in five people suffer from allergies.



Allergic diseases are a number of conditions caused by hypersensitivity of the body's own immune system to typically harmless substances in the environment. These substances are known as allergens and are found in dust mites, animals, pets, plants, pollen, insects, ticks, moulds, foods and some medications.





# **Atopic Allergic Disease**

is the genetic tendency to develop allergic diseases. When atopic people are exposed to allergens they can develop an immune reaction that leads to allergic inflammation. This can cause symptoms in the:

- Nose and/or eyes, resulting in allergic rhinitis (hay fever) & conjunctivitis.
- Skin resulting in eczema, hives (urticaria) or dermatitis.
- Lungs resulting in asthma.

# **Seasonal Allergies**

If you sneeze and cough, or your nose and eyes itch and are runny during certain times of the year, you may have seasonal allergies. Seasonal allergies, like other allergies, develop when the body's immune system becomes sensitized and overreacts to something in the environment.



# **Children & Allergies**

Early identification of childhood allergies will improve your child's quality of life, reduce the number of missed school days and help you avoid having to use sick time or vacation days to care for your child.

Any child can develop allergies, but they are more common in children from families with a history of allergies.



ATOPIC DERMATITIS

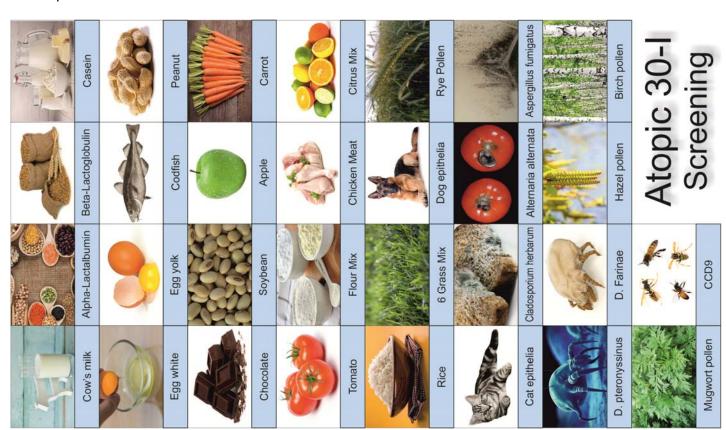
#### **Anaphylaxis**

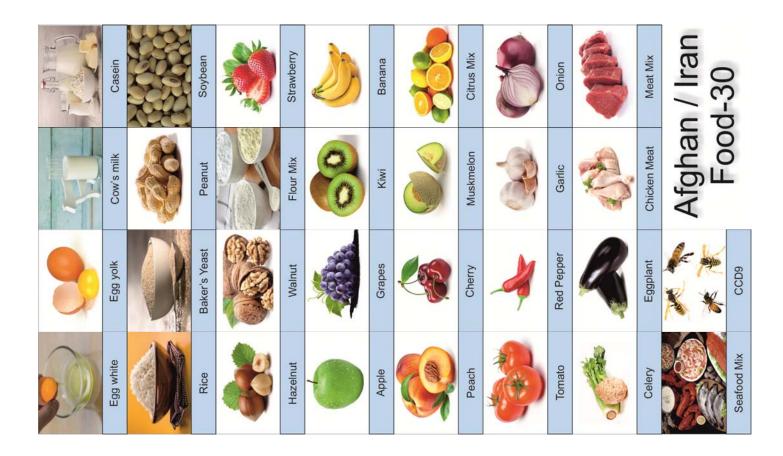
Anaphylaxis is a rare but severe life threatening allergic reaction. It can occur suddenly, can worsen quickly and can be deadly. Just because an allergic person has never had an anaphylactic reaction doesn't mean that one won't occur in the future.

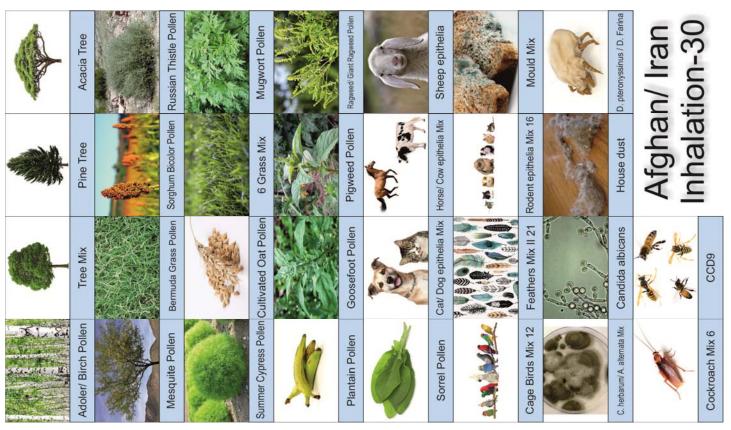


#### **Allergy Treatments**

Effective treatment of allergic diseases includes identifying and avoiding allergens that trigger symptoms, using drug therapies (Corticosteroids, Antihistamines...), Immunotherapy and developing an emergency action plan for severe attacks.











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