## **OIT Maintenance Options**

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#### **OIT Goals**

Cross contamination protection

• Bite proof

• Free eating

Sustained unresponsiveness



## Dallas Food Allergy Center

- Original Protocol
  - Dose twice a day during escalation and for 3 months on maintenance
  - After 3 months, dose daily indefinitely
- Revised Protocol through 2019
  - Dose daily during escalation
  - Dose daily indefinitely or until sustained unresponsiveness challenge
- 2019 further revisions after FAST meeting



## Dave Fitzhugh – Allergy Partners of Chapel Hill

- First 6 months maintenance daily
- After 6 months of daily maintenance measure slgE
  - If the slgE has decreased by >50% from pre-start, change to 3/7 days a week, typically on a Mon/Wed/Fri schedule
  - If the slgE has decreased by 25-50% (i.e., 50-75% of prestart value), change to 5/7 days a week, usually Mon Fri and weekends off.
  - If slgE decrease is <25%, continue daily dosing and recheck in 6 months.



## Palforzia

- Current label
  - Daily dosing indefinitely
- Alternate maintenance regimens after 1 year of daily dosing
  - Daily dosing for 28 weeks
  - Daily dosing for another 56 weeks
  - Every other day for 4 weeks then twice weekly for 24 weeks
  - Daily for 4 weeks the every other day for 24 weeks then every other week for 24 weeks
  - Daily for 4 weeks the every other day for 24 weeks twice a week for 24 weeks



#### Palforzia Maintenance Frequency Reduction

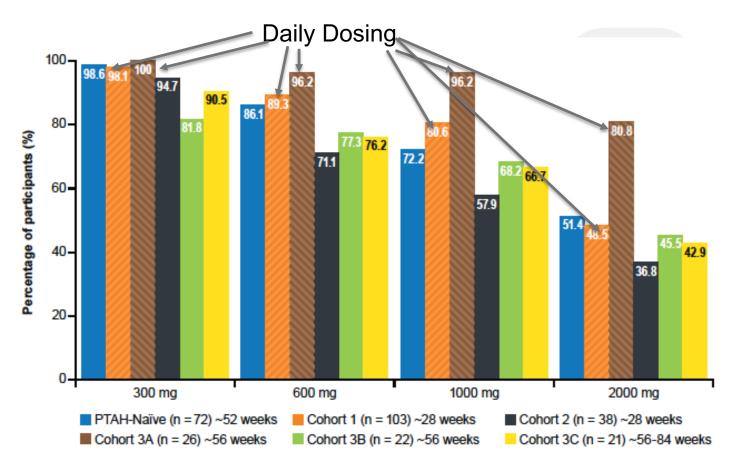


FIGURE 3. Desensitization rates based on the single highest tolerated dose at the exit DBPCFC (completer population; N = 282). Hatch marked bars indicate daily dosing cohorts.



#### Texas Children's – Carla Davis, et al

- 11/17 patients completed
- One year biweekly escalation
- Maintenance dose 3,900mg peanut protein
- Maintenance schedule daily for 2 years
- Maximum tolerated dose of 26,225mg peanut protein decreased significantly after 1 month avoidance
- Most patients had a dramatic fall in slgE



## **POISED Study**

- Treatment for 104 weeks 4000mg
- 13 week avoidance or reduced dose (300mg) then challenge with 4000mg
  - 35% of the avoidance group passed
  - 54% of the 300mg group passed
- Interpretations
  - After two years only 35% maintained desensitization for 13 weeks
  - Reducing maintenance after two years reduces desensitization
- Conclusion
  - Higher maintenance is more effective



#### Sustained Unresponsiveness - DFAC

- Maintenance dosing for at least 3 years
- No significant reactions for at least 2 years
- If pre-OIT slgE >10kU/mL and slgE <2kU/mL</li>
- If pre-OIT slgE <10kU/mL and slgE <1kU/mL</li>
  - Significant reduction in SPT
- Challenge to 3x maintenance dose
- If the challenge is passed, recommend dosing once a week
- ~90% of DFAC patients meeting these criteria pass
- Many eligible patients decline the SU challenge



## Is Sustained Unresponsiveness Important?

- SU ≠ never allergic ≠ naturally acquired≠ tolerance
- What should be the avoidance period prior to SU challenge?
  - At least two weeks
  - One month? Three months? Longer?
- Common foods Who cares?
- Foods not routinely eaten How secure can one be?
- Is sustained unresponsiveness an artificial research endpoint with no practical clinical relevance?

