

Lab Monitoring for Outcome Prediction & Maintenance Dose & Frequency Modification

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What We Want To Know

Johnny - 4 Yr old, Peanut Allergy, starting PN OIT



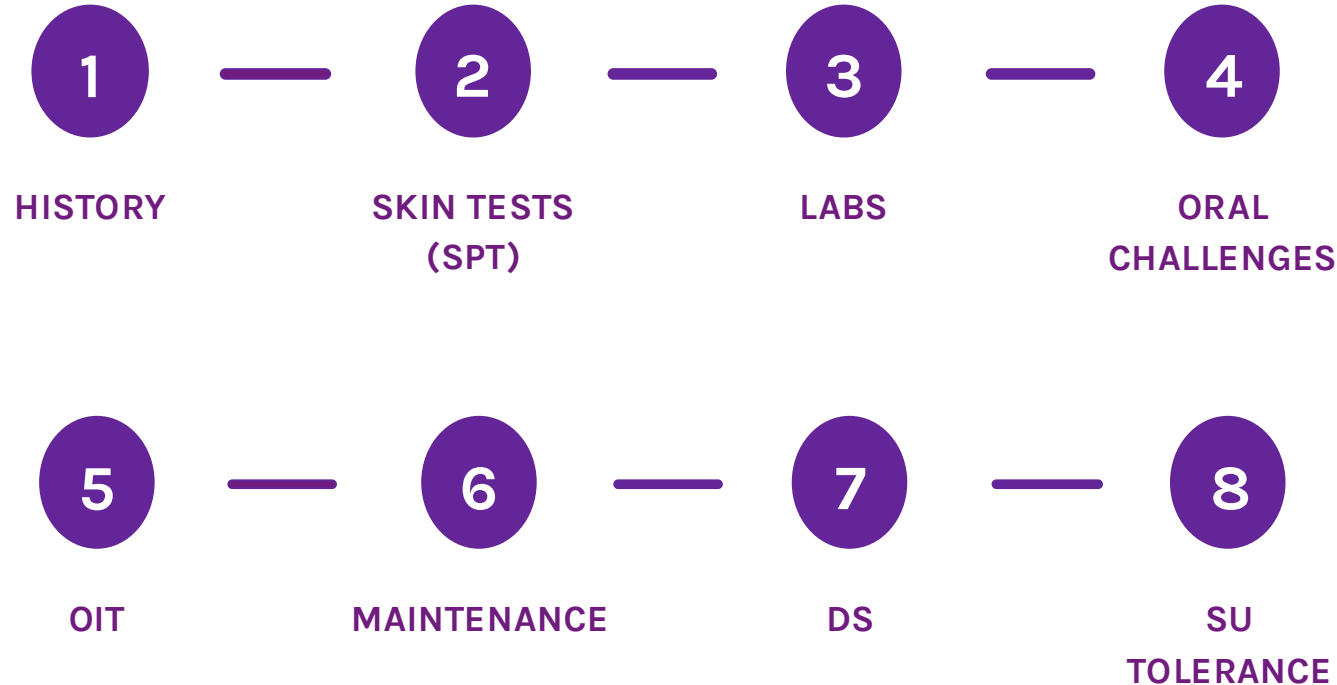
**Desired Outcomes: Freedom
Desensitization
Sustained Unresponsiveness
Tolerance**

- **What tests? How often?**
- **Predicting outcomes**
- **Predicting potential issues**

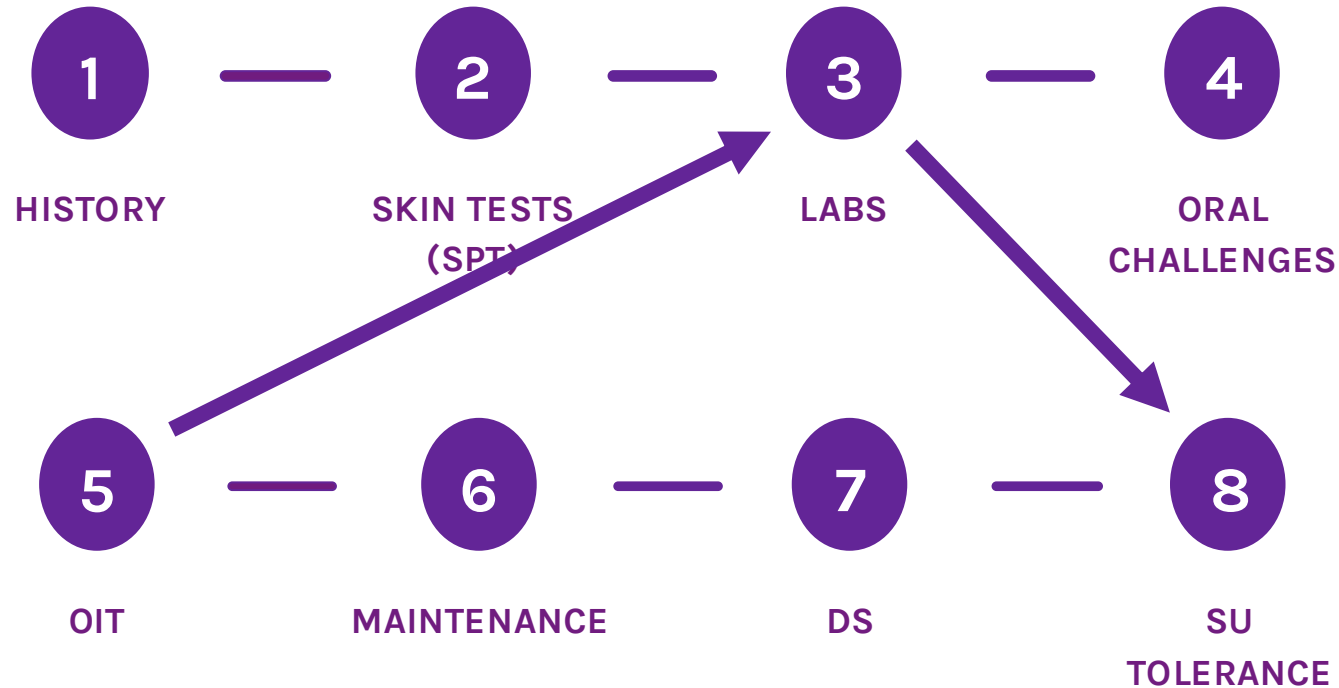
**Modify:
Dose, Frequency, Duration**



Patient's Journey



Discussion



Labs



- Pre-OIT testing
- Monitoring tests
- Outcome Prediction with each tests
- Frequency of testing
- Adjusting OIT Dose and Frequency
- Published
- Clinical Observations
- Experience
- Skin Tests
- CBC with Diff
- sIgE, Total IgE
- Components IgE
- IgG4
- Vitamin D Level
- BAT, MAT
- Epitope testing
- EoP



Skin Tests

PPOIT trial -

There was a significant longitudinal reduction in median peanut SPT and Ara h 2 sIgE along with an increase in median sIgG4 to peanut and Ara h 1,2,3 in children who achieved SU in PPOIT trial.

915 Predicting Acquisition of Sustained Unresponsiveness Following Peanut Oral Immunotherapy Using Skin Prick Test Size and Serum Levels of Immunoglobulins Specific to Peanut

Lalita Jindal^{1,2}, Anne-Louise Ponsonby, PhD^{3,4}, Paul Licciardi, PhD^{4,5},

NYFA: We do NOT use ST data for treatment decisions

CBC - with Differential

- WBC, Hb, Platelets
- Peripheral Eosinophils (pEos) - baseline
- EoE (no relation to pEos)
- ELORS (elevation in pEos)
- Needed with BAT, EoP and SIP

NYFA:

CBC is used with BAT & EoP to get accurate results



Food sIgE, IgG4, Components

Lancet -

**Association with SU
When Pre-OIT values:**

- **Higher baseline peanut-specific IgG4/IgE**
- **Lower Ara h 2 IgE**
- **Lower basophil activation responses**

Sustained Outcomes in a Large Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Randomized Phase 2 Study of Peanut Immunotherapy. R. Sharon Chinthrajah, MD...
Lancet. 2019 October 19; 394(10207): 1437–1449. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(19)31793-3.



High Risk Components List

1. Peanut
 - ▶ Ara h 2, 6, (1, 3, 9, 8)
2. Brazil Nut
 - ▶ Ber e 1
3. Walnut
 - ▶ Jug r 1, (3)
4. Hazelnut
 - ▶ Cor a 9, 14, (1, 8)
5. Cashew
 - ▶ Ana o 3
6. Pistachio
 - ▶ Cashew
7. Pecan
 - ▶ Walnut
8. Milk
 - ▶ Casein, (ALA, BLG)
9. Eggs
 - ▶ Ovomucoid, (OA)
10. Soy
 - ▶ nGly m 5, (6, 4)
11. Wheat
 - ▶ rTri a 19 Omega-5 Gliadin
12. Sesame
 - ▶ Ses i 1

slgE vs Components

NYFA:

Reduction in slgE for high risk components is more helpful in reducing OIT dose and frequency (when total and slgE are high)

BAT shifts to non reactive despite no major changes in slgE/Components



Components - more reliable

New York Food Allergy & Wellness								
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NYFoodAllergy.com		631-446-1436						
OIT	Food	Day 1 Date	Challenge	Daily Dose		Infancy		
1	Milk	09/08/2020	3/2/2021	240mL		Atopic March		
2								
3								
Food	Components	11/11/2016	04/28/2017	07/21/2020	04/02/2021	07/08/2021	12/18/2021	06/08/2022
				Pre-OIT	POST-OIT			
Total IgE		1612	1443	915	1194	967	1075	1577
Vit D 25OH		14.7	14.7	37	42.1	39	39.3	40.2
AEC								
Milk	SPT							
	slgE	87	>100	>100	42	26.3	21.3	13.4
	Alpha-Lactalbumin	0.7	39.8	12.4	8.29	4.95	4.46	3.12
	Beta-Lactoglobulin	8.96	50.8	7.82	3.19	2.25	2.1	1.46
	CASEIN*	>100	>100	>100	43.7	24.9	23.4	11.8
Birch	slgE / SPT	<0.10	1.32		0.81			52.3



Epitope - BAT - MAT

Bringing the Next Generation of Food Allergy Diagnostics Into the Clinic



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TABLE I. Diagnostic performance of next-generation food allergy diagnostic tests

Diagnostic test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value
Epitope testing				
Bead-based epitope assay peanut ¹¹	92%	94%	91%	95%
Basophil activation test				
To peanut ^{12,13}	83% to 98%	96% to 100%	95% to 100%	83% to 98%
To cow's milk ¹⁴	91%	90%	81%	96%
To egg ¹⁵	90%	100%	100%	92%
Mast cell activation test to peanut ¹⁶	75%	99%	95%	92%

Epitope Assay - PN OIT

Baseline Epitope Profiles are Predictive of Sustained High Threshold in the POISED Trial

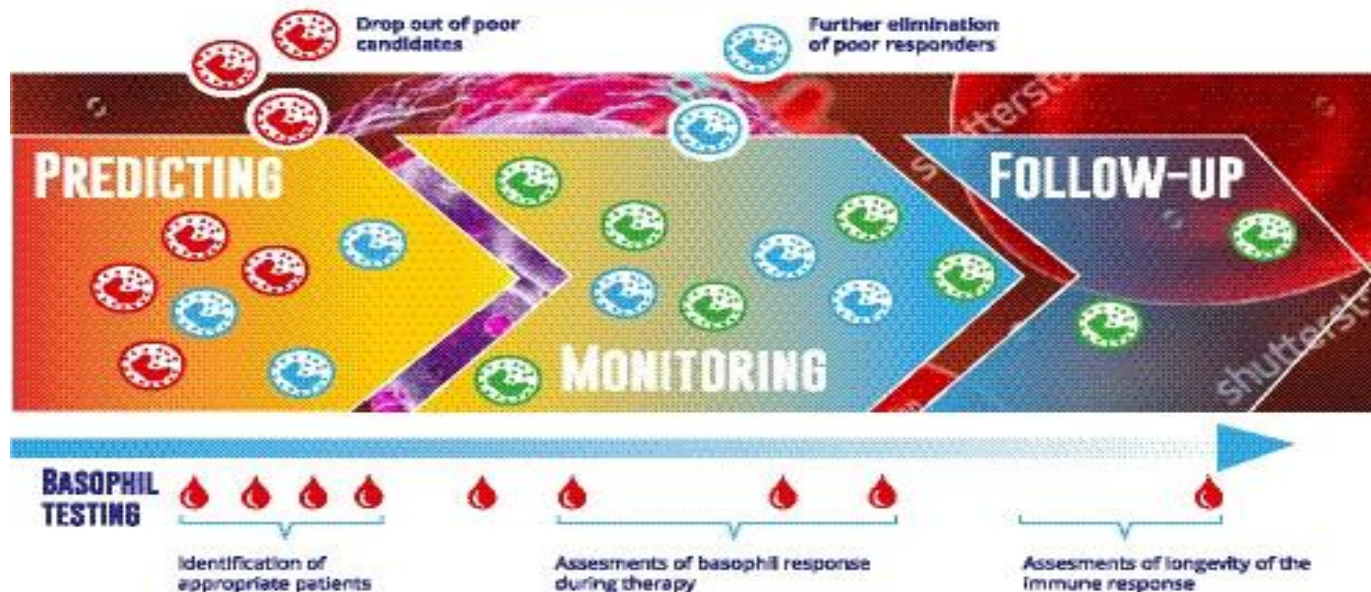
Using epitope profiles to predict sustained unresponsiveness of peanut OIT.

Epitopes are 81% predictive

BAT- AIT

Basophil activation test: A diagnostic, predictive and monitoring assay for allergen immunotherapy

KEEPING TRACK OF PATIENTS ON ALLERGEN IMMUNOTHERAPY





BAT as a predictive tool

Early decrease in basophil sensitivity to Ara h 2 precedes sustained unresponsiveness after peanut oral immunotherapy

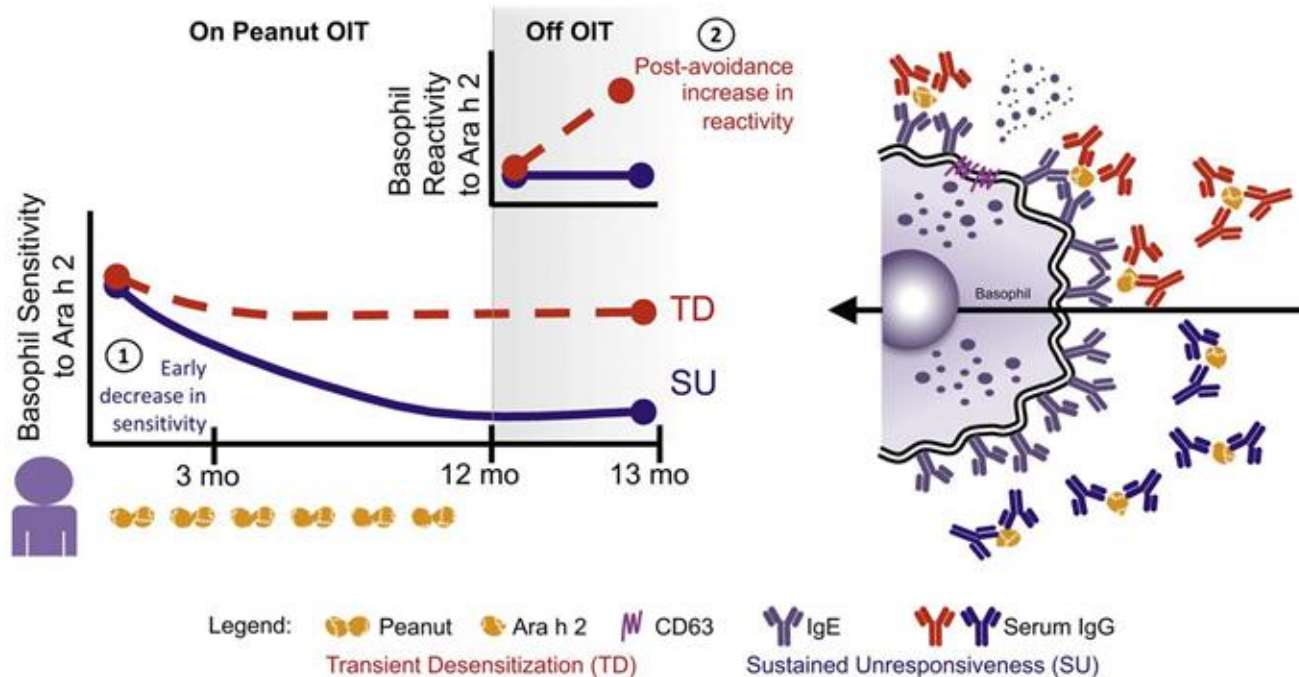


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BAT - PN OIT



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PN BAT in OIT

- Peanut OIT suppresses basophil activation
- BAT can help to differentiate those who will achieve TDS from those who will achieve SU and tolerance after peanut OIT.
- Basophil non/low responders exhibit higher treatment success to peanut OIT
- 80% to 90% suppression of peanut-specific basophil activation is required to maintain long-term clinical tolerance after peanut OIT.

Sustained successful peanut oral immunotherapy associated with low basophil activation and peanut-specific IgE. Mindy Tsai... JACI 2020 Mar;145(3):885-896.e6

NYFA - BAT Experience

- No “one” biomarker
- Clinical: History and other parameters
- Lag: Immunological parameters (sIgE, sIgG4) often lag months behind clinical desensitization.
- BAT: Functional assay is more reliable to support the decisions



NYFA - BAT Experience

- Use CD63 and CD203c with proper controls
- 8-10% non-reactive basophils at baseline
- 0.1 nano gram, 1ng, 10ng, 100ng, 1000ng, 10,000ng incremental reactivity data is more helpful
- As patients progress through SLIT and OIT, the reactivity at lower concentrations clears
- We reduce dose frequency with every change

NYFA - BAT Experience

**BAT - Reactive to ALL concentrations
Bell Shaped**

ALLERGEN	% Positive CD63	CD63 Reference Range
Allergen: 10,000ng/ml (CD63)	26.4	<1
Allergen: 1000ng/ml (CD63)	21.1	<1
Allergen: 100ng/ml (CD63)	30.7	<1
Allergen: 10ng/ml (CD63)	45.8	<1
Allergen: 1ng/ml (CD63)	11.3	<1
Allergen: 0.1ng/ml (CD63)	2.2	<1

NYFA - BAT Experience

As patients progress through SLIT and OIT, the reactivity at lower concentrations clears

ALLERGEN	% Positive CD63	CD63 Reference Range
Allergen: 10,000ng/ml (CD63)	9.7	<1.40
Allergen: 1000ng/ml (CD63)	12.1	<1.40
Allergen: 100ng/ml (CD63)	16.6	<1.40
Allergen: 10ng/ml (CD63)	3.7	<1.40
Allergen: 1ng/ml (CD63)	0.9	<1.40
Allergen: 0.1ng/ml (CD63)	0.6	<1.40

NYFA - BAT Experience

Reactivity at lower concentrations cleared

ALLERGEN	% Positive CD63	CD63 Reference Range
Allergen: 10,000ng/ml (CD63)	4.7	<1
Allergen: 1000ng/ml (CD63)	2.6	<1
Allergen: 100ng/ml (CD63)	0.2	<1
Allergen: 10ng/ml (CD63)	0.3	<1
Allergen: 1ng/ml (CD63)	0.5	<1
Allergen: 0.1ng/ml (CD63)	0.4	<1

NYFA - BAT Experience

Post OIT BAT

Non reactive cells - SU / Tolerance

ALLERGEN	% Positive CD63	CD63 Reference Range
Allergen: 10,000ng/ml (CD63)	0.6	<1.20
Allergen: 1000ng/ml (CD63)	0.5	<1.20
Allergen: 100ng/ml (CD63)	0.2	<1.20
Allergen: 10ng/ml (CD63)	0.3	<1.20
Allergen: 1ng/ml (CD63)	0.4	<1.20
Allergen: 0.1ng/ml (CD63)	0.3	<1.20

NYFA - BAT Experience

- **Sequential BATs are needed to predict SU**
- **Completely non reactive basophils at all concentrations - time to consider free-eating, off the maintenance dose and discuss clinical SU and Tolerance**



EoP - Eosinophil Progenitors

1. Flow Cytometry - Whole Blood
2. CD34+ cells
3. EoPs elevated with EoE
4. Not increased with ELORS (observation)
5. EoP numbers match with endoscopic biopsy numbers
6. EoPs decrease with improved EoE symptoms and reduction in biopsy Eos



EoP - Eosinophil Progenitors

1

Eosinophil progenitor levels are increased in patients with active pediatric eosinophilic esophagitis



2

Monitoring Eosinophilic Esophagitis Disease Activity With Blood Eosinophil Progenitor Levels

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Eosinophil progenitor levels correlate with tissue pathology in pediatric eosinophilic esophagitis





NYAIRL - EoP Results

Immunophenotyping Test Results

Surname: [REDACTED] First Name: [REDACTED] Gender: male
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Age: [REDACTED]
Ordering Physician: Atul N Shah MD, FAAAAI, FAAAAI
Date of Service: 2021-09-22

Clinical Summary

immune evaluation

Research

Test Interpretations:

EoP: 254 cells/mL

N < 15 cells/ml

Recommendations:

increase in peripheral blood eosinophil progenitor cells



Modify Dose & Frequency

- Post OIT - 6 week, 3 months, 6 months, Yearly
- Expect significant increase of total IgE, sIgE, components
- Drop 1 day with every 10% reduction of sIgE/Components or increase in sIgG4/sIgE
- Drop 1 day per week for every 1 yr completed (when sIgE and components are >100)
- When sIgE or components reach below 10% of pre-OIT levels, dosing 2 x a week is sufficient



Modify Dose & Frequency

- Reduction in frequency more appreciated than dose reduction
- Reduce dose when taste aversion is an issue
- Basophil reactivity reduction with lower concentrations (0.1, 1, 10 nanogm) on BAT allows to reduce the frequency sooner
- The rate of reduction varies per food in multi-food OIT patients
- Younger age (<4 years) higher rate of sIgE reduction - faster dose frequency reduction

Credits - Thank You



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