

Allergic Reactions

An allergic reaction may include itching, rash, hives (one or more small red bumps that appear on the skin), difficulty breathing, choking and/or facial swelling. Medications, blood products, latex, food or things in the environment may cause allergic reactions. Your child will be observed for any symptoms of an allergic reaction when in the clinic or hospital.

An allergic reaction may happen:

- During the first dose of medication or after several doses.
- Immediately or after several hours.

If your child has an allergic reaction:

- Medications can be given to prevent a reaction or lessen symptoms.
- If your child has a reaction, he/she may be given medicines to prevent similar reactions in the future.
- The medicine that caused the reaction may be changed or given in a different way.

If your child has a life-threatening allergy:

- They should wear an allergy identification band at all times.
- Keep a record of your child's allergies and previous reactions (including medications and blood products.)
- Inform your child's health care provider of your child's allergies.

When to call

- If you are at home and have or notice any difficulty breathing or facial swelling, **call 911**.
- If your child develops itching, a rash, or hives, call your healthcare provider.

Contact Us

For patient care assistance, please call the following phone numbers:

- Jimmy Fund Clinic (617) 632-3270
Business Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Page Operator (617) 632-3352
Off hours: weekdays after 5 p.m., holidays, and weekends
Page pediatric hematology/oncology fellow on call
- Life Threatening Emergencies dial 911