

## IMMUNOTHERAPY Injections using **Bee /Wasp Venom Extracts** MAINTENANCE INJECTIONS

**BE CAREFUL OF THE DOSE. Use a diabetic insulin syringe.** 0.05 ml = “5” on the syringe, 0.10 ml = “10”, 0.15 ml =”15” etc

Give injections as shallow **subcutaneous**.

An **antihistamine** can be given to minimise local swelling and discomfort.

Maintenance injections are normally given once/month.

Each kit (on the PBS, ordering “Hymenoptera honey bee venom or wasp venom kits) lasts approx 6 months.

**Peak Flows** only need to be done when the patient has ASTHMA or if side effects occur.

**The patient must wait 45 minutes** after each injection for safety reasons.

Patient NAME

File NUMBER

COMMENCEMENT

PRECAUTIONS...

PREDICTED PF ..... 80 % PREDICTED

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Bottle	Stock ug/ml	Month	Date	Planned Dose (ml)	Actual Dose (ml)	PF before	PF after	Comment/ signature
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		1		0.80 ml				
		2		"				
		3		"				
		4		"				
<i>Order</i>	<i>more</i>	<i>venom</i>	<i>allergen</i>	<i>now</i>				
		5		"				
		6		"				

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		6		"				

**To reconstitute the venom kits, do the following: First, take the long the labeled bottle containing freeze-dried powder, and and 5.5 mils of diluent from the large diluent bottle. This will give you a stock solution with a concentration of 100 microgram per mil.**

**Continue the maintenance dose for 5 years. Do NOT stop the injections. Contact your allergist the end of 5 years treatment or if there is a significant gap between injections or other problems arise.**