

SOUTHWEST OHIO ENT SPECIALISTS, INC.
SUBLINGUAL IMMUNOTHERAPY (SLIT) FACT SHEET
DROPS VS INJECTIONS

ORAL DROPS	INJECTIONS
Taken daily for 3-5 years.	Weekly for 1-2 years, then every 2-3 weeks for a total of 3-5 years.
Drops are taken at home. Only the first dose of each new bottle must be taken at our office. (Every 21 days during the 4 bottle build up process)	Injections are administered in physician's office or an acceptable medical facility.
No time away from work or school except when beginning a new bottle. A 30 minute wait is required after these visits.	Time to get injections plus a 20 minute wait after receiving injections.
Treatment is not affected by travel.	Treatment is not usually available while traveling.
No needles or apprehension.	Small needles used for injection.
Small chance of reactions.	Small chance of reactions.
Maintenance dose typically is achieved in 84 days. You <i>may</i> have fewer allergy related symptoms in 2-3 months.	Maintenance dose achieved in 2-3 years. You <i>may</i> have fewer allergy related symptoms in 6-8 months.
Not covered by insurance. Cash, credit card or check for payment. (FSA and HSA may be used. You will need to check your plan.) Buildup bottles, a total of 4, are \$100 each. Each bottle lasts 21 days. Maintenance bottles cost \$200 and lasts 2 months.	Partially or completely covered by most insurance after deductible is met (if applicable) One injection = \$32 Multiple Injections = \$40 Extract = \$210 per vial (up to 3 vials) Each vial lasts 3 months.
Extracts are FDA approved but delivery method is not approved. Insurance will not cover and cannot be billed for this delivery method.	Extract and delivery method are approved by FDA.
Patient is responsible for the correct dose and staying on a daily schedule.	Patient is responsible for staying on schedule, but the nurse is responsible for the correct dose.
Patient is required to have emergency epinephrine on hand when drops are taken.	Patient required to bring and show emergency epinephrine at each visit.