

**Food Allergy with an episode of  
“What is happening in the world of peanut  
allergy? (I hear you can cure it!!)”**

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. Discuss the epidemiology, natural history and prevalence of food allergy.
- 2. Describe important aspects of history required to evaluate patients with adverse reactions to foods
- 3. Educate on interpretation of skin testing and in vitro testing in the evaluation of food allergy
- 5. Briefly discuss other allergic conditions, such as atopic dermatitis and oral allergy syndrome
- 6. Review the acute and long term management of food allergic patients
- 7. Discuss the appropriate indications for referral to an allergist

- ***Food allergy:*** any adverse health effect caused by a specific immune response (immune-mediated) that occurs reproducibly on exposure to offending food
- ***Food allergens:*** specific components (proteins) of food that cause specific immune reactions

# Types of immunologic food reactions

<b>IgE-mediated</b>	<b>Mixed IgE/Non IgE</b>	<b>Non-IgE Mediated Cell-Mediated</b>
Systemic (anaphylaxis)	Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)	Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis (FPIES)
Oral Allergy Syndrome	Eosinophilic Gastritis	Food Protein-Induced Enteropathy or Proocolitis
Asthma/Rhinitis	Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis	Dermatitis herpetiformis
Urticaria	Atopic dermatitis	Contact dermatitis

- IgE-mediated food allergy involves release of mediators from mast cells and can induce reactions and anaphylaxis
- Diagnosis of immune-mediated food allergy requires both ***clinical symptoms*** upon exposure to the offending food, as well as ***positive testing***

# Symptoms

- Cutaneous
  - *flushing, urticaria, angioedema, pruritis, atopic dermatitis*
- Gastrointestinal
  - *abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea*
- Respiratory
  - » *cough, wheezing, shortness of breath, laryngeal edema*
- Cardiovascular
  - *hypotension, arrhythmias, tachycardia*
- Neurological
  - *syncope, lightheadedness*



- ***Oral Allergy Syndrome:*** patients develop symptoms (itchy mouth and throat, tingling) following ingestion of certain foods ■
- Plant proteins cross-react with airborne allergens
- Birch: apple, potato, pear, carrot, celery  
Ragweed: melon, banana, avocado



**Birch**



Apple Peach Plum Pear Cherry Apricot Almond

**Rosaceae**



Carrot Celery Parsley Caraway Fennel Coriander Aniseed

**Apiaceae**



Soybean Peanut  
**Fabaceae**  
(old Leguminosae)



Hazelnut  
**Betulaceae**



**Ragweed**



Cantaloupe Honeydew Watermelon Zucchini Cucumber

**Cucurbitaceae**



Banana  
**Musaceae**



**Mugwort**



Celery Carrot Parsley Caraway Fennel Coriander Aniseed

**Apiaceae**



Bell pepper  
**Solanaceae**



Black pepper  
**Piperaceae**



Mustard Cauliflower Cabbage Broccoli Garlic Onion

**Brassicaceae**

**Liliaceae**



**Orchard**



Cantaloupe Honeydew Watermelon

**Cucurbitaceae**



Peanut  
**Fabaceae**  
(old Leguminosae)



White potato  
**Solanaceae**



Tomato  
**Solanaceae**



**Timothy**



Swiss chard  
**Amaranthaceae**



Orange  
**Rutaceae**

# ATOPIC DERMATITIS

- ***Atopic Dermatitis:*** Chronic inflammatory skin disorder that causes pruritis and can lead to lichenification and/or secondary infections
  - ▀ Infants: face, extensor surfaces
  - ▀ Older children/adults: flexor surfaces, neck, upper trunk
  - ▀ Food allergy can play a role in 10-30% of patients



# prevalence of food allergy

- True prevalence can be difficult to measure
- Approximately 6% of children, 4% of adults
- Largely over-reported by the public - up to 25%
  
- According to 2013 study by CDC, food allergies among children increased by 50% between 1997 and 2012
  
- So why are food allergies on the rise?
  - ■ “Hygiene hypothesis”
  - ■ Epigenetics

Branum AM, et al. *Pediatrics* 2009; 124: 1549-55

Boyce JA, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2010; 126: S11-S13

Sampson HA, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol* 1997; 103: 981-95

- Family history
- Atopic dermatitis
- Other allergic conditions
  
- Up to 75% of patients with food allergy have evidence of another allergic condition

Liem JJ, et al. *Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology* 2008; 4: 144-149

Sicherer SH, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2000; 106: 53-56

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Boyce JA, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol* 2010; 126: S12-13

# Common food allergens



# natural history of Food allergy

- Most common foods are peanut, tree nuts, milk, egg, soy, wheat, fish, shellfish
  - Sesame on the rise
  - Anything containing proteins can be an allergen source
- Most children with milk, soy, egg and wheat allergy will eventually tolerate the food
- Outgrowing peanut and tree nut significantly less common
- Shellfish/fish allergy can be later onset



# When to suspect food allergy?

- Any local or systemic reaction following ingestion of food
- Infants with moderate to severe atopic dermatitis
- Infants with persistent atopic dermatitis despite appropriate therapy
- Patients with eosinophilic GI disease



• **Which of the following is most useful in diagnosing food allergy?**

- a) Skin prick testing
- b) Serum-specific IgE testing
- c) Clinical history
- d) None of the above

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# Pathophysiology- Why doesn't everyone have a food allergy?

- “The intestine has an unenviable task: to identify and respond to a constant barrage of environmental stimuli that can be both dangerous and beneficial. The proper execution of this task is central to the homeostasis of the host,... this system generates a robust T cell–mediated responsiveness called **oral tolerance**.”

## **Mechanisms of immune tolerance relevant to food allergy**

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# Antigen Handling by the GI Tract

## Physiologic barriers

- Breakdown of ingested antigens:

Gastric acid,  
pepsins,  
pancreatic/intestinal  
enzymes

Block penetration of  
ingested antigens:

- Intestinal mucus coat  
(Glycocalyx)
- Microvillus membrane

## Immunologic barriers

- Block penetration of ingested antigens:
  - Antigen specific secretory IgA (sIgA) in gut lumen
- Clear antigens penetrating GI barrier:
  - Serum antigen specific IgA and IgG → complexes cleared by phagocytes

# Rationale for Food Allergies

- **Infants and young children:**

- Immaturity of gut barrier

- ☞↑ Intestinal permeability

- ☞↑ Gastric pH

- ☞↓ Activity of the proteolytic enzymes (till 2 years)

- ☞↓ Secretion of IgA



























































- ☞↑ T cell reactivity towards food antigens

- **Adults:**

- ☞↓ Basal acid has been shown to lead to de novo production of sIgE to food in 15% of adult

# Why might people react sometimes and not others?

- Factors that **decrease antigen absorption**:
  - Increased stomach acidity
  - Presence of other food
- Factors that **increase antigen absorption**:
  - Decreased stomach acidity
  - Alcohol ingestion
  - ASA / NSAIDS
  - Exercise
  - Infection (virus)

If Allergic to:	Risk of Reaction to at Least One:	Risk:
<b>A legume*</b> peanut 	<b>Other legumes</b> peas  lentils  beans 	<b>5%</b> 
<b>A tree nut</b> walnut 	<b>Other tree nuts</b> brazil  cashew  hazelnut 	<b>37%</b> 
<b>A fish*</b> salmon 	<b>Other fish</b> swordfish  sole 	<b>50%</b> 
<b>A shellfish</b> shrimp 	<b>Other shellfish</b> crab  lobster 	<b>75%</b> 
<b>A grain*</b> wheat 	<b>Other grains</b> barley  rye 	<b>20%</b> 
<b>Cow's milk*</b> 	<b>Beef</b> hamburger 	<b>10%</b> 
<b>Cow's milk*</b> 	<b>Goat's milk</b> goat 	<b>92%</b> 
<b>Cow's milk*</b> 	<b>Mare's milk</b> horse 	<b>4%</b> 
<b>Pollen</b> birch  ragweed 	<b>Fruits/vegetables</b> apple  peach  honeydew 	<b>55%</b> 
<b>Peach*</b> 	<b>Other Rosaceae</b> plum  pear  apple  cherry 	<b>55%</b> 
<b>Melon*</b> cantaloupe 	<b>Other fruits</b> watermelon  banana  avocado 	<b>92%</b> 
<b>Latex*</b> latex glove 	<b>Fruits</b> kiwi  banana  avocado 	<b>35%</b> 
<b>Fruits</b> kiwi  avocado  banana 	<b>Latex</b> latex glove 	<b>11%</b> 





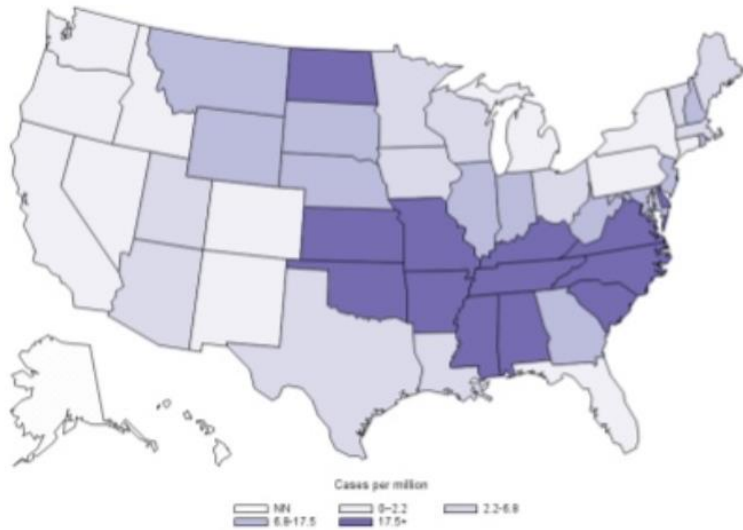
# Alpha Gal – the story of the tick that keeps on biting!





## Incidence of Rocky Mountain spotted fever

Epidemiology Figure 4 – Annual incidence (per million persons) for SFR in the United States, 2017

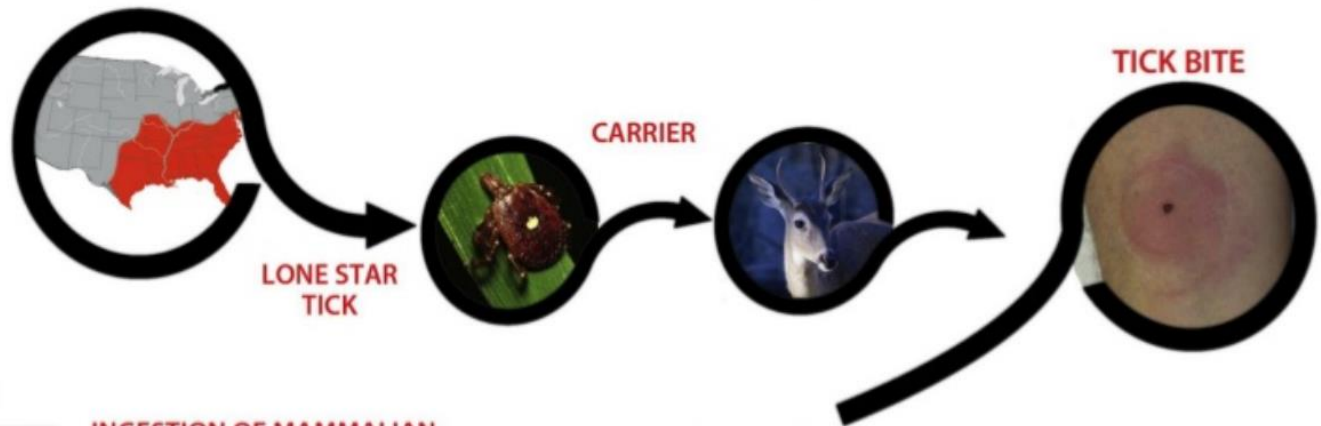


## Distribution of Lone Star Tick

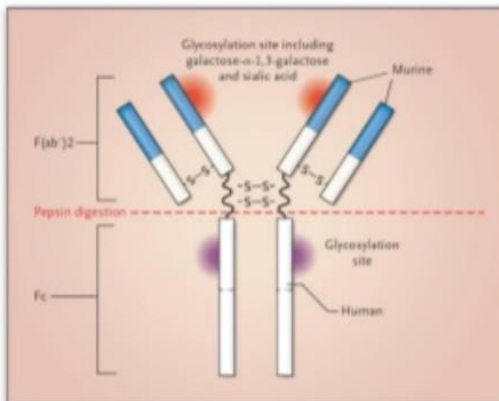


Tripathi A. et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract 2014;2:259-65  
<https://www.cdc.gov/rmsf/stats/index.html>

# Summary of alpha-gal sensitization leading to clinical symptoms of red meat allergy



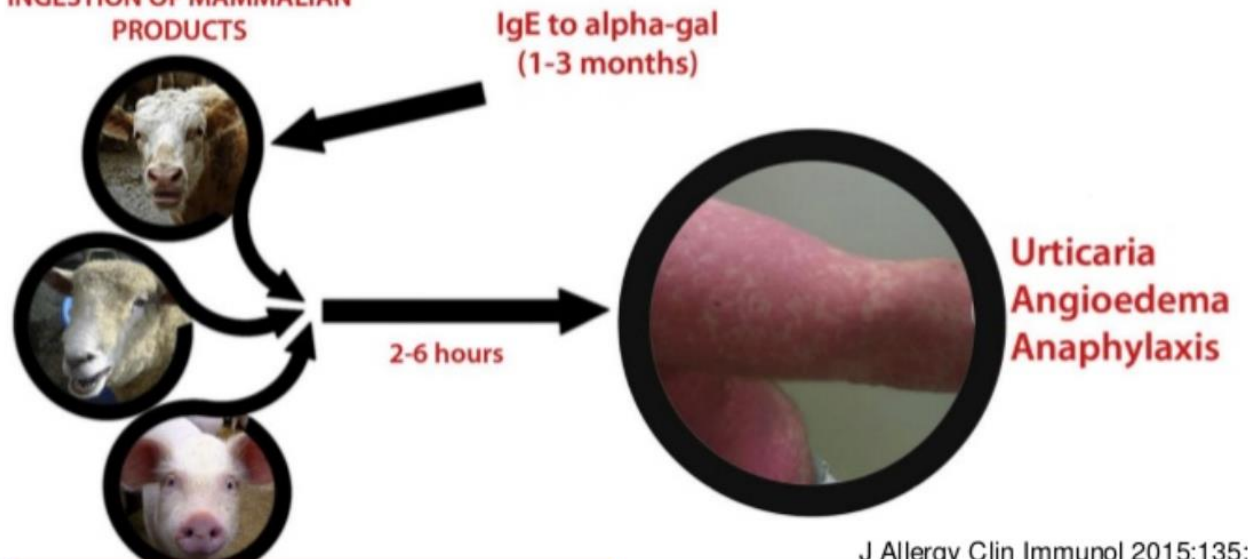
## INFUSION OF CETUXIMAB



**Figure 2. Structure of Cetuximab.**

The amino acid sequence of cetuximab has potential glycosylation sites at Asn43 of the light chain and at Asn88 and Asn299 of the heavy chain. The sugars on the Fab portion include galactose- $\alpha$ -1,3-galactose and the sialic acid *N*-glycolylneuraminic acid. In contrast, the glycosylation site at Asn43 is not glycosylated, and glycosylation of the Fc portion of the heavy chain includes only oligosaccharides that are commonly present on human proteins.<sup>17,18</sup> S-S denotes a disulfide bond.

## INGESTION OF MAMMALIAN PRODUCTS



- **Obtain detailed history of reaction:**
  - ■ Symptoms
  - ■ Timing
  - ■ Amount of food
  - ■ Route of exposure (ingestion, contact, inhalation)
  - ■ Raw vs. cooked; Baked vs. whole

- Previous tolerance
- Presence of risk factors
- Introduction of other high risk foods
- Concurrent exercise, meds, alcohol

# Physical exam

- Assess for other disorders, especially comorbid allergic conditions
- Physical Exam findings may include:
  - ■ Conjunctivitis, allergic shiners
  - ■ Nasal turbinate hypertrophy, nasal polyps, post nasal drainage
  - ■ Atopic dermatitis/eczema
  - ■ Urticaria, angioedema
  - ■ Wheezing, cough

- Skin Prick Testing (SPT)
- Allergen Specific Serum Ige (sIgE) Testing
- Food elimination
  - ■ Can be useful in non IgE-mediated FA and EoE
- Oral food challenges
  - ■ Gold standard

***Not recommended:***

- Patch testing
- Allergen IgG panels
- Applied kinesiology/muscle response testing
- Hair analysis
- Electrodermal testing

# Skin prick testing

- **Skin prick testing (SPT):**
- - Diluted allergen is applied on the surface of the skin and area of test is observed for 15 minutes
  - Measures IgE bound to cutaneous mast cells by causing mast cell degranulation on surface of the skin which causes local reaction
  - Measure wheal and flare
  - Wheal  $\geq 3$  is considered positive test
  - Larger skin tests do not necessarily correlate with severity



# Skin prick testing

- Indicates presence of IgE antibody but does not always correlate with reactivity
- Interpret results using skin testing and history
- Sensitivity: ~90%
- Specificity: ~50%
- A *negative* skin prick test can essentially exclude IgE mediated food allergy 95%





# Serum IgE testing

- Detects food-specific IgE antibodies in the serum
- Presence reflects sensitization which does not always correlate with clinical allergy
- Sensitivity: ~90%
- Specificity: ~50%
- Using specified 95% predictive values, they can often be more useful than SPT
- Results are in Classes 1-6, your report will go into this
- **Broad serum IgE panels are not recommended, they don't tell you what you want!**

# ORAL FOOD CHALLENGE

- Double blind placebo controlled food challenge is the gold standard for diagnosis of food allergy
- Single-blind or open-food challenges may also be done
- If no reaction (negative challenge) then FA can be ruled out
- If SPT or sIgE testing negative but history highly suggestive = perform oral food challenge

# Serum component testing

- Each allergen source contains multiple allergenic proteins (components)
- Component testing helps to identify whether sensitization is due to primary allergen, or cross-reactivity
- Helps to evaluate risk of reaction on exposure, and sometimes severity
- Available and widely used for peanut, milk, egg; Other foods the clinical utility remains unclear

# Management of food allergy

- Dietary avoidance if allergy is confirmed
  - ▪ Complete vs. Partial avoidance
  - ▪ Elemental/Amino Acid formulas
- Epinephrine auto-injector
- Nutritional counseling
- Education on reading food labels
- Cross-contamination risk
- Periodic re-evaluation and follow up testing
- Food Allergy Action Plan

# Food allergy action plan

**FARE** FOOD ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS EMERGENCY CARE PLAN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Always to: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. Anaphylaxis:  Yes (higher risk for a severe reaction)  No

NOTE: Do not depend on antihistamines or inhalers (bronchodilators) to treat a severe reaction. USE EPINEPHRINE.

Extremely reactive to the following foods: \_\_\_\_\_

THEMSELF:

If checked, give epinephrine immediately for ANY symptoms if the allergen was likely eaten.

If checked, give epinephrine immediately if the allergen was definitely eaten, even if no symptoms are noted.

**FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, SEVERE SYMPTOMS**

 <b>LUNG</b> Short of breath, wheezing, respiratory distress	 <b>HEART</b> Pale, blue, faint, weak pulse, dizziness	 <b>THROAT</b> Tight, hoarse, trouble breathing/swallowing	 <b>MOUTH</b> Significant swelling of the tongue and/or lips
 <b>SKIN</b> Many hives are badly worsened/irritated	 <b>GUT</b> Nausea/vomiting, severe diarrhea	 <b>OTHER</b> Feeling something bad is about to happen, anxiety, confusion	<b>OR A COMBINATION</b> of symptoms from different body areas.

1. **INJECT EPINEPHRINE IMMEDIATELY.**

2. Call 911. Tell them the child is having anaphylaxis and may need epinephrine when they arrive.

- Consider giving additional medications following epinephrine
  - Antihistamine
  - Inhaler (bronchodilator) if wheezing
- Lay the person flat, raise legs and keep warm. If breathing is difficult or they are vomiting, let them sit up or lie on their side.
- If symptoms do not improve, or symptoms return, more doses of epinephrine can be given about 5 minutes or more after the last dose.
- Alert emergency contacts.
- Transport them to ER even if symptoms resolve. Person should remain in ER for at least 6 hours because symptoms may return.

**MILD SYMPTOMS**

 <b>NOSE</b> Runny nose, sneezing	 <b>MOUTH</b> Itchy mouth	 <b>SKIN</b> A few hives, mild rash	 <b>GUT</b> Mild nausea/diarrhea
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FOR MILD SYMPTOMS FROM MORE THAN ONE SYSTEM AREA, GIVE EPINEPHRINE.

FOR MILD SYMPTOMS FROM A SINGLE SYSTEM AREA, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW.

- Antihistamines may be given, if ordered by a healthcare provider.
- Stay with the person until emergency contacts.
- Watch closely for changes. If symptoms worsen, give epinephrine.

**MEDICATIONS/DOSES**

Epinephrine Brand: \_\_\_\_\_

Epinephrine Dose:  0.1 mg IM  0.2 mg IM

Antihistamine Brand or Generic: \_\_\_\_\_

Antihistamine Dose: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (e.g., inhaler/bronchodilator if wheezing): \_\_\_\_\_

Healthcare Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Print)

Some patients qualify for Food as a Color Allergen & Cautions (FAAC) (www.fare.org) 2014

- Should be renewed annually by physician
- Discuss and educate when to administer epinephrine based on patient's history of severity
- Helps physician, family, school nurse, daycare staff be more informed
- FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) Website: [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org)



***Rapid recognition  
and treatment***





# Food Allergies



What could be more important than a little something to eat?



# FIRST major change – give ‘em nuts!

- ✓ First question – can we **REDUCE** the number of kids with peanut allergies?

# Peanut Allergy

✓ Peanut allergy is an increasingly troubling global health problem, which affects between 1-3% of children in many westernized countries.

✓ Prevalence has more than quadrupled in the past 13 years, growing from  
**0.4% in 1997 to 1.4% in 2008 to more than 2% in 2010.**

✓ Peanut allergy has become the leading cause of anaphylaxis and death related to food allergy in the United States.







*"Avoid high allergen foods in pregnant moms, during breastfeeding and avoid some these foods in infants and children till 3 years of age – specifically milk introduction at age 1, egg introduction at age 2 and nuts at age 3.*

-AAP Statement 2004

*"Although solid foods should not be introduced before 4 to 6 months of age, there is no current convincing evidence that delaying their introduction beyond this period has a significant protective effect on the development of atopic disease."*

-AAP Statement 2010

*"Recommendation is to add peanuts to the diet of high risk infants*

*-AAP Statement 2017*



# Primary Prevention





**DO  
SOME  
THING**

**YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO DO IT RIGHT.  
YOU JUST HAVE TO  
DO SOMETHING.**

**DO SOMETHING  
DO ANYTHING**

## Koplin et al, JACI 2010

- ✓ 2589 children followed and skin tested / challenged with egg at 1 year; comparing introduction at 4-6 months vs later
- ✓ Much higher (OR of 3.4) risk of egg allergy with delayed egg introduction

Can early introduction of egg prevent egg allergy in infants?

A population-based study. [Koplin JJ](#), [Osborne NJ](#), [Wake M](#), et al JACI 2010

# Observational Data

- ✓ Jewish children in UK had 10X the risk of their Jewish counterparts in Israel
- ✓ Similar ancestry
- ✓ UK children typically do not consume peanut-based foods in first year of life
- ✓ Israel children have peanut-based products introduced by 7 months of age
- ✓ Hypothesis – early peanut is protective

Peanut Consumption in Infants at Risk for Peanut Allergy:NEJM Feb 2015

# Early consumption of peanuts in infancy is associated with a low prevalence of peanut allergy

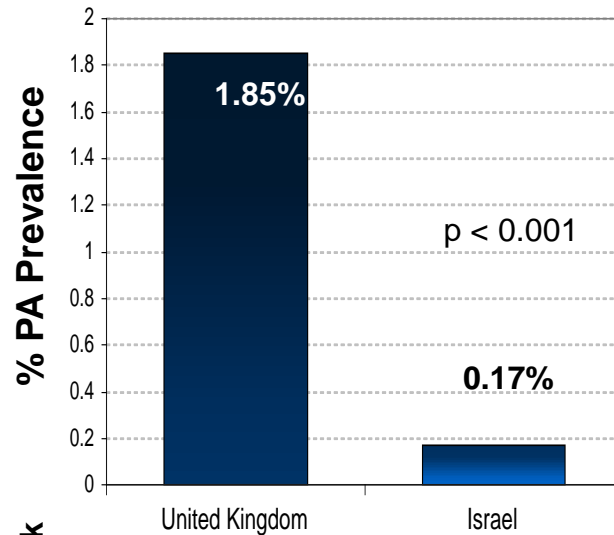


## Methods

- ✓ 5171 Jewish school children in UK and 5615 Jewish school children in Israel were compared for peanut allergies and atopy.
- ✓ Questionnaire based assessment of peanut allergy validated by challenges.

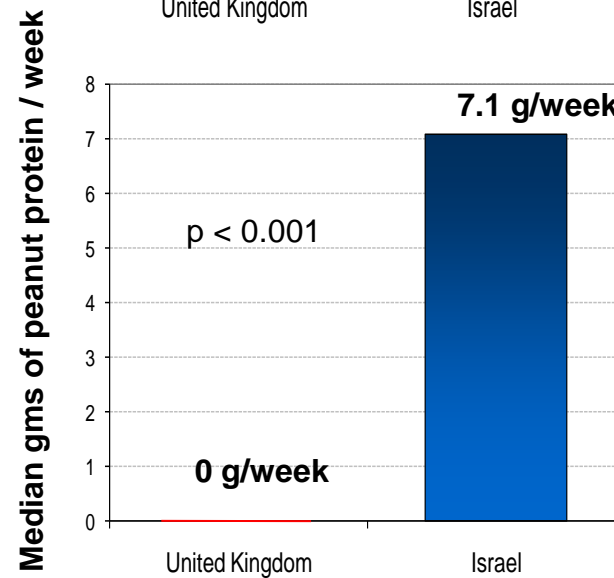
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Prevalence of Peanut Allergy in Children 4-18yrs

United Kingdom	5171
Israel	5615



Peanut Protein Consumption 8-14 month









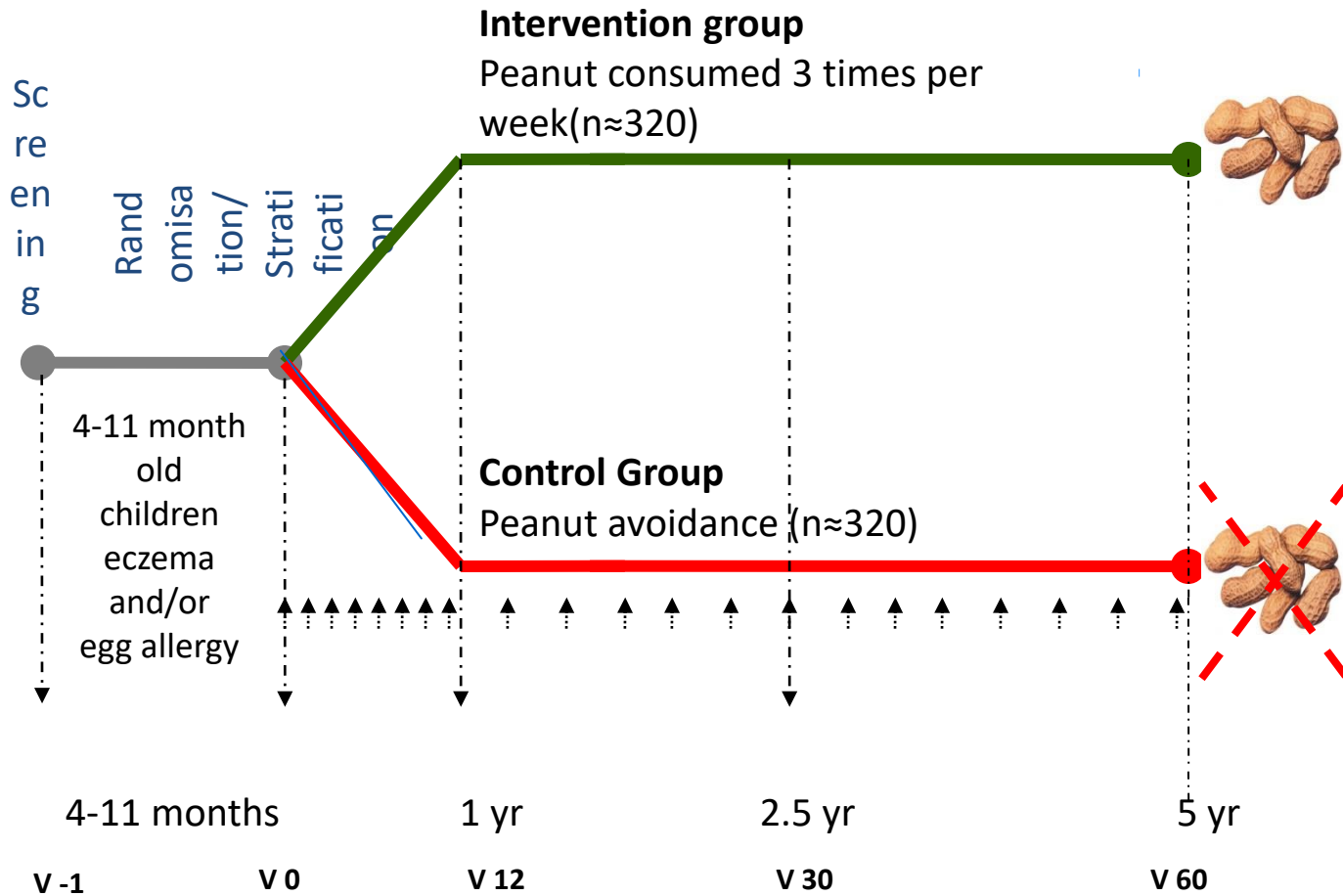


# LEAP Study

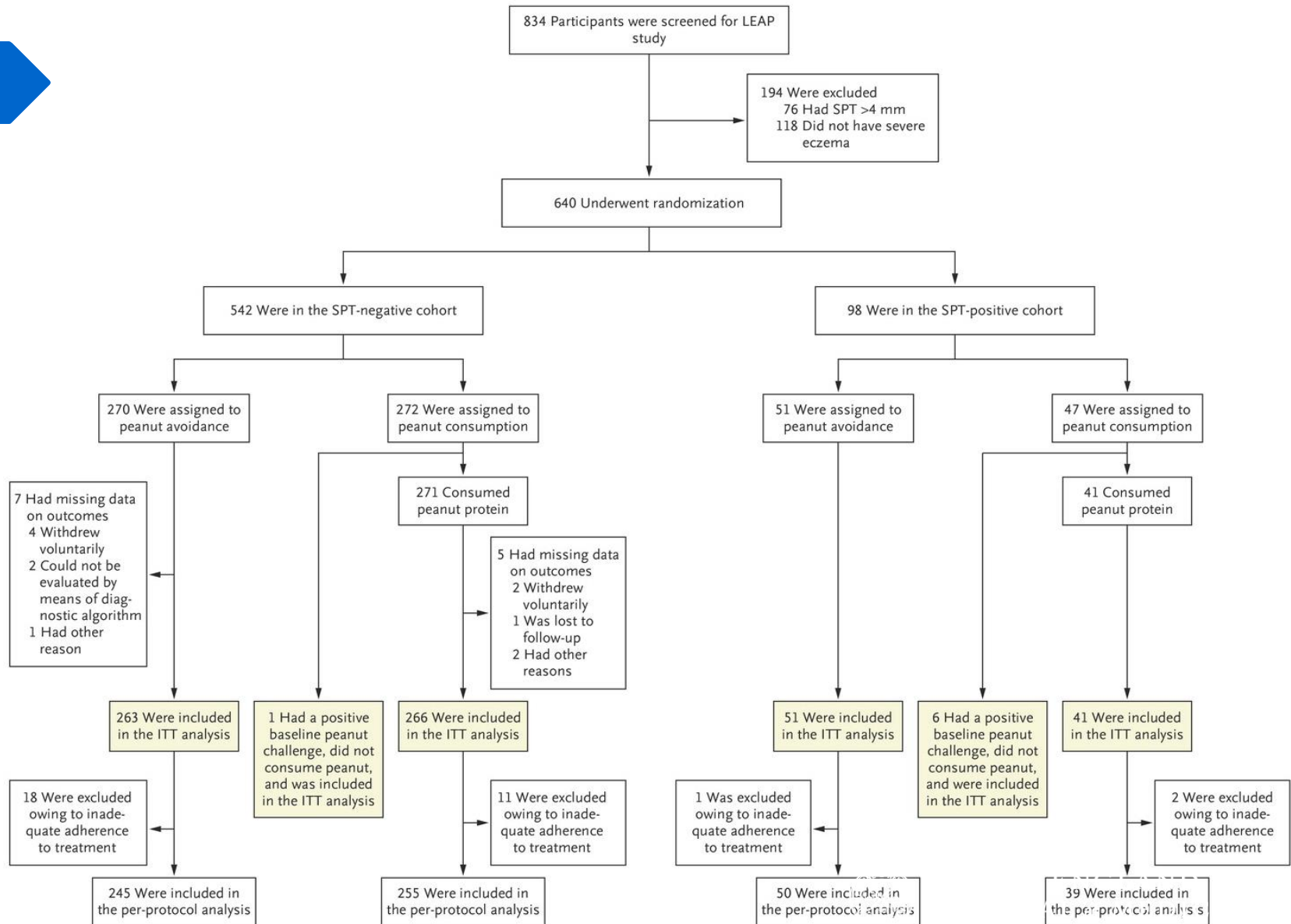
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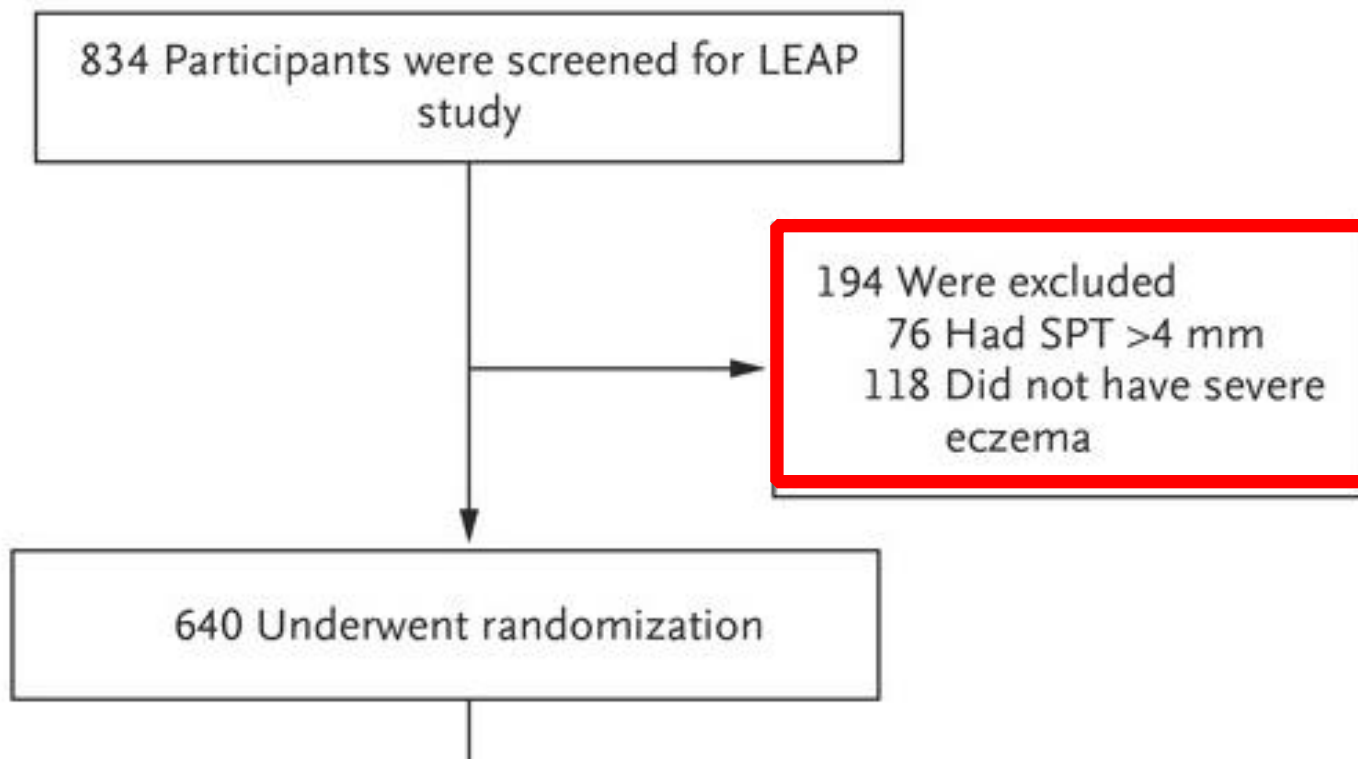
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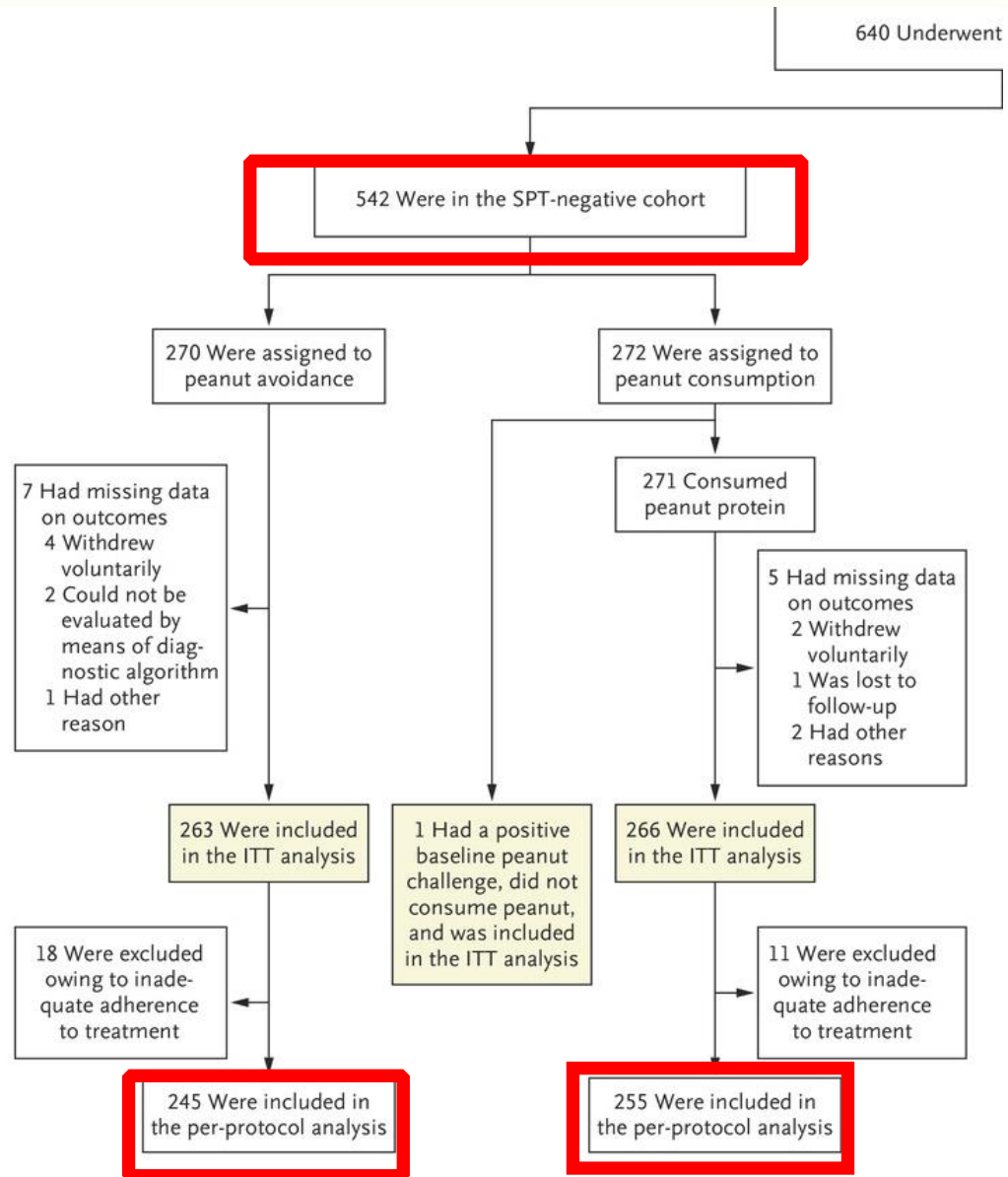


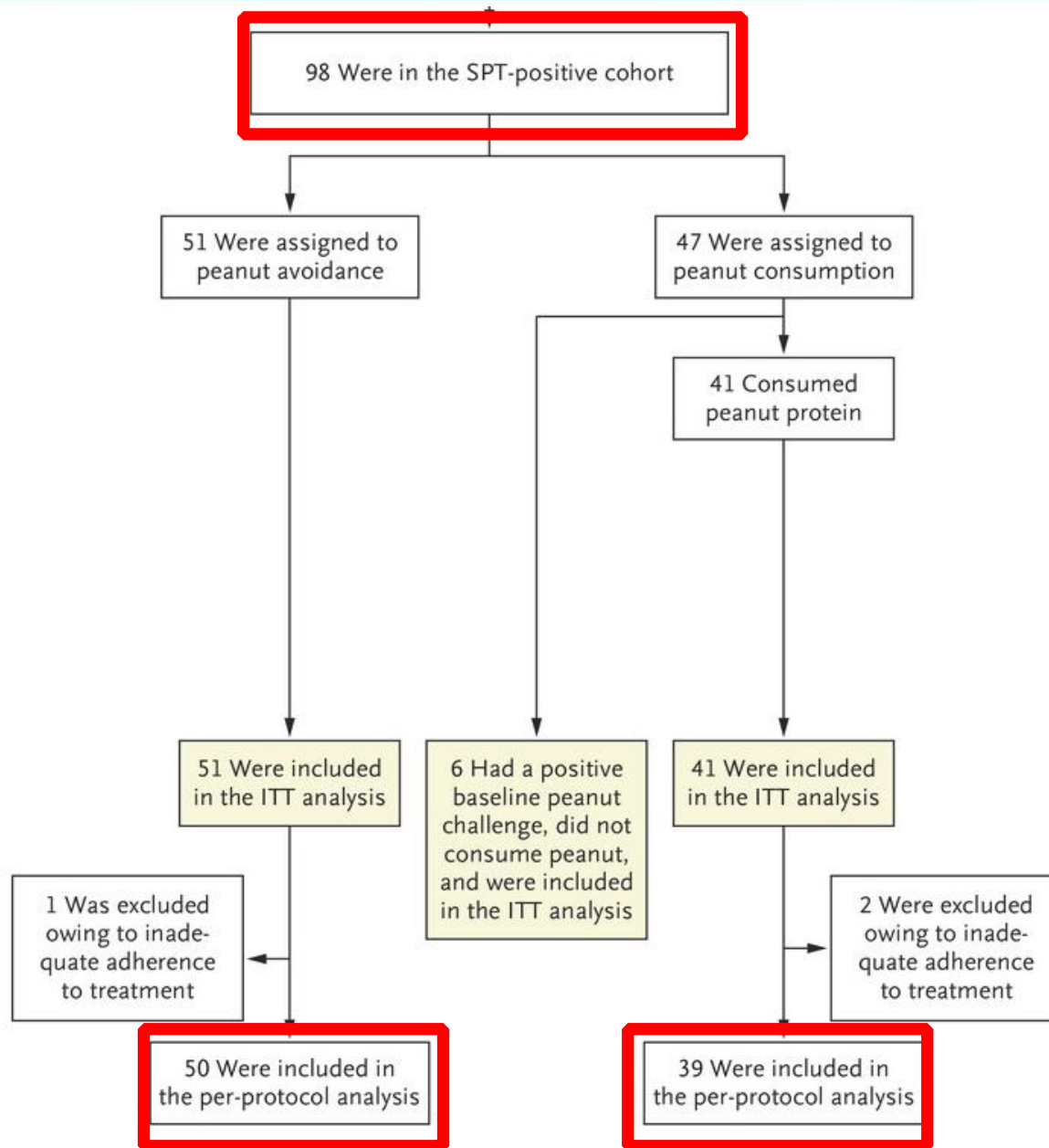
# Enrollment and Randomization.



4 months to 11 months of age  
Had to have severe eczema, egg allergy, or both  
(markers for risk of food allergy)

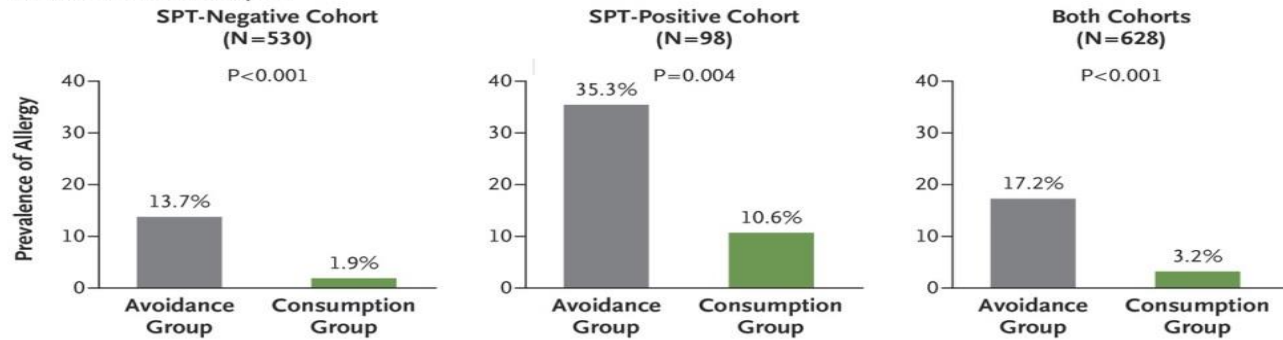




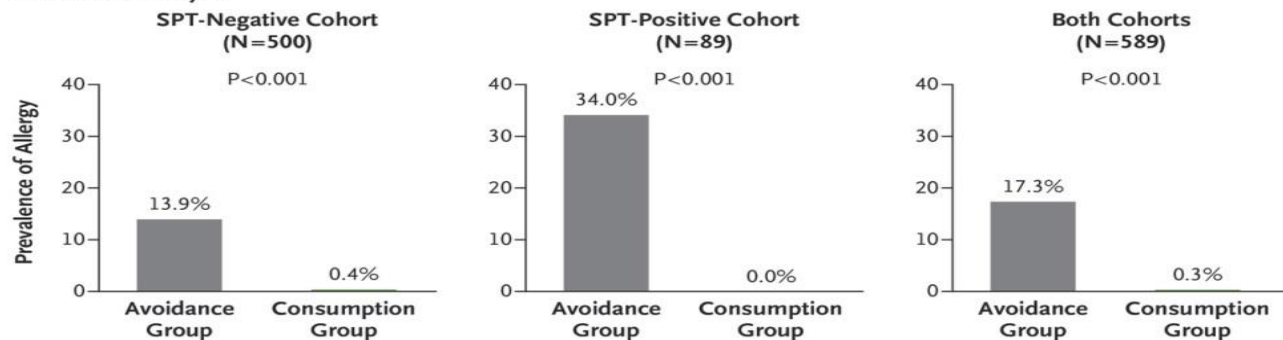


# Primary Outcome

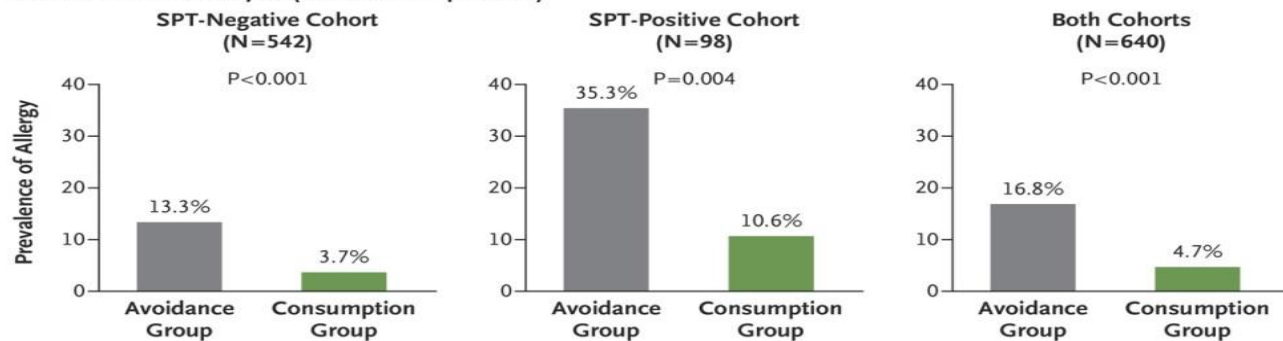
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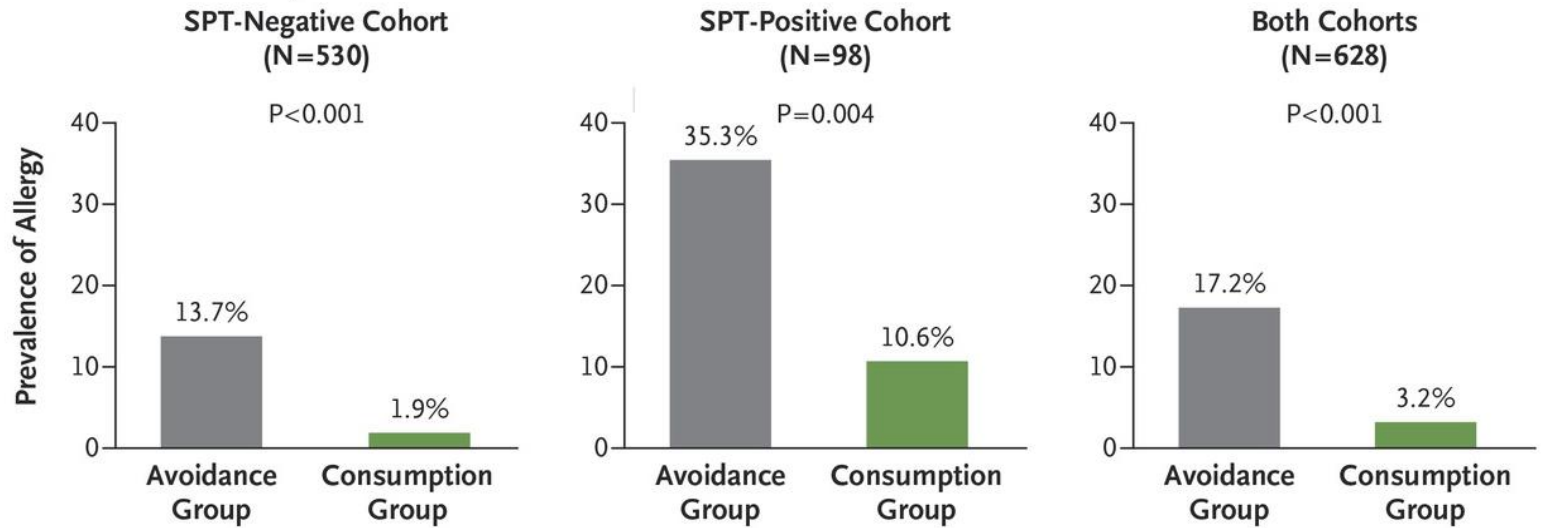
## B Per-Protocol Analysis



## C Intention-to-Treat Analysis (worst-case imputation)



**A Intention-to-Treat Analysis**



86.1% relative reduction in the prevalence of peanut allergy





Eat Peanuts  
Baby!!!

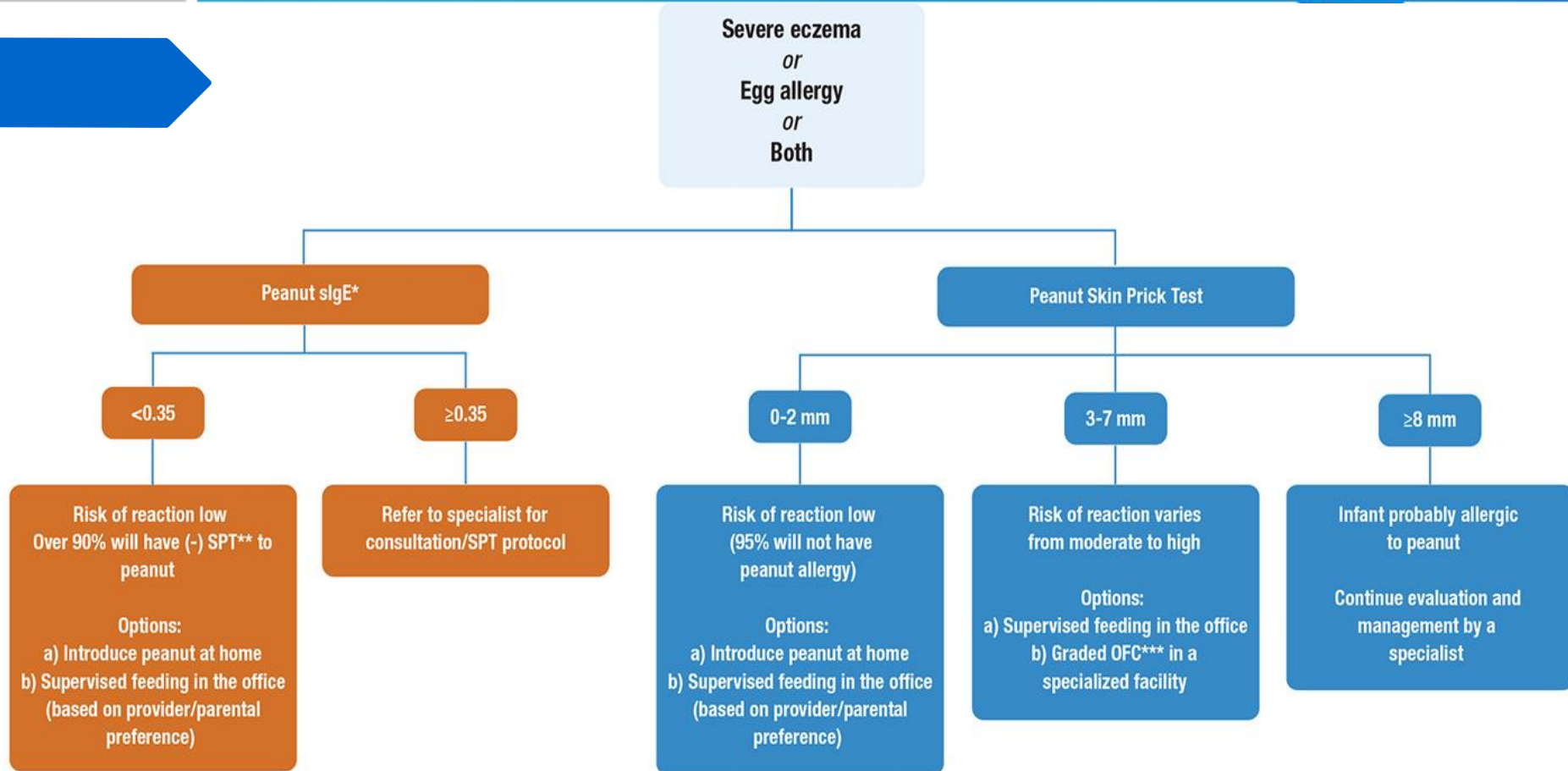


# LEAP-ON Study

- ✓ 556 of LEAP participants enrolled (88.5%)
- ✓ Avoid peanut for one year
- ✓ Challenge with peanut
- ✓ Avoidance group --- 18.6% peanut allergy
- ✓ Consumption group --- 4.8% peanut allergy
- ✓  $P < 0.001$

✓ Conclusion: benefit of early introduction is enduring

# 2016 Guideline Addendum



\* To minimize a delay in peanut introduction for children who may test negative, testing for peanut-specific IgE may be the preferred initial approach in certain health care settings. Food allergen panel testing or the addition of sIgE testing for foods other than peanut is not recommended due to poor positive predictive value.

\*\* skin prick test

\*\*\* oral food challenge

Addendum guideline	Infant criteria	Recommendations	Earliest age of peanut introduction
1	Severe eczema, egg allergy, or both	Strongly consider evaluation by sIgE measurement and/or SPT and, if necessary, an OFC. Based on test results, introduce peanut-containing foods.	4-6 months
2	Mild-to-moderate eczema	Introduce peanut-containing foods	Around 6 months
3	No eczema or any food allergy	Introduce peanut-containing foods	Age appropriate and in accordance with family preferences and cultural practices

# What does this mean to YOU?

- ✓ Need for ALL PA's to recognize that early introduction of some foods, especially peanut, can be helpful –  
**Especially high risk infants**
- ✓ Manage severe eczema better
- ✓ Need for allergists to find a way to see these infants in a timely manner, so not to delay introduction
- ✓ Need to change mindset of population towards early introduction

# Second Major Change: Let them eat<sup>2</sup>

- ✓ We talked over reducing the risk, but what if they are already allergic?

# Oral Immunotherapy: The Future of Food Allergy

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# Rethinking Food Allergy

- **History – most important**
- **Diagnostic testing – careful opening the can of worms**
- **Responding to test results**
  - **historically: avoid, repeat q 1-2 years**
  - **now: contrast in vitro with in vivo test, total IgE, component testing, challenge**
- **Treat – oral immunotherapy (OIT) with food or FDA approved product (\$\$\$)**



# Oral Food Challenge (OFC)

- Introduced into clinical practice 1976
- Serial increasing 'doses' of food
- Useful when
  - suspicion of sensitivity is low
  - desire to eat food is high
  - family anxiety is high
- Allergy tests are not an absolute indication or contraindication
- 2-3% anaphylaxis rate

# Value of a Food

- QOL of patient and family improves, even if a positive challenge
- Delaying challenge leads to increased costs
- Late phase (biphasic) reactions rare, 1.5-4%
- 1 known fatality in USA

Clin Exp Allergy 2010;40:476-85

Allergy 2014;69:1255-7

Allergy Asthma Proc 2013;34:220-6

What percentage of patients will outgrow peanut allergy?

- a. 5%
- b. 10%
- c. 20%
- d. 40%
- e. 60%
- f. 80%

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**Wanted: Food Allergy  
Treatment!!!**

# Avoidance Management Strategy

- 12% to 35% of patients experience accidental exposures
- >200,000 ER visits/year
- Only 25% of severe reactions treated with epinephrine
- 31 deaths reported in the US 2001-2006 – est.  
1/million/year
- Most anaphylactic deaths occurred  
in patients who knew they were  
allergic to food that killed them

# Commonly Treated Foods



# The Explanation

- Allergic reactions are caused by cross-linking enough antigen specific IgE on the surface of mast cells to trigger them
- The protocol fills the specific antigen receptors so slowly that triggering doesn't occur
- If all the receptors are filled without cross-linking, there is no reaction



# Explanation Continued

- Saturating antigen specific receptors on T cells down regulates IgE production
- The protocol may result in tolerance that can be sustained when the concentration of food allergen is reduced
- It may never be possible to maintain tolerance without continuing high dose antigen exposure

# The OIT Process

- Parents of appropriate patients are offered the opportunity to have their child treated
- Parents are provided a custom consent form
- Approximately two weeks prior to the initiation of treatment, patients are evaluated for stability of asthma and allergy

# The Protocol – Day One

- Patients arrive and are examined
  - Dosing is initiated ( 0.02 mg to 0.2 mg protein)
  - Up to 4 to 6 doses are administered at 20 minute intervals
  - One hour observation after the last dose ( 1-5 mg protein)

# OIT Day One

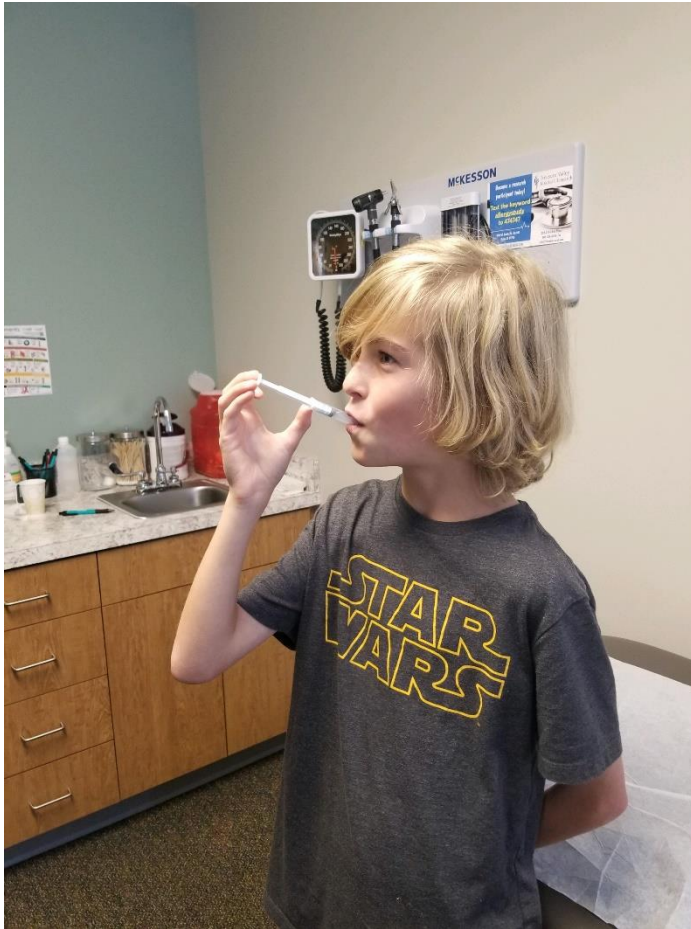


# Protocol – Escalation Phase

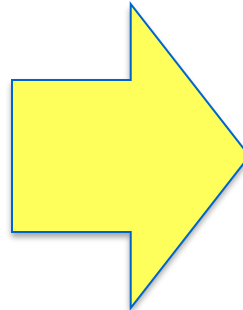
- Usually doubling the previous dose
- Patients take the last tolerated dose once daily for at least seven days
- Return to the office for a updosing to the next dose
- Patients are observed for 45 minutes



# OIT Administration



# Supplies For Oral Immunotherapy



# Peanut Build Up

Visits			mg Protein
2	“ “	1 ml	5
3	Peanut fraction	0.03 gm	7.5
4	“ “	0.05 gm	12.5
5	“ “	0.08 gm	20
6	“ “	0.13 gm	33
7	“ “	0.22 gm	55
8	“ “	0.36 gm	90
9	“ “	0.6 gm	150
10	1 Peanut	1 gm	* 250
11		1.7 gm	425
12	3 Peanuts	3 gm	750
13	5 Peanuts	~5 gm	1.25 gm
14	8 Peanuts	~8 gm	2 gm
15	24 peanut tolerance	24 gm	* 6 gm

\* 300 mg  
 ↓ risk by  
 > 95%

\* Can  
 freely eat



# OIT Typical Dosing- Maintenance

- 1-2 gm protein:
  - 1/3 to 1/2 egg, 2- 3 oz milk, 3-8 peanuts, 1-6 tree nuts, 1/3 bagel, 5-6 gm sesame seeds etc...
- Frequency of dosing:
  - QD → 3 times a week,  
**FOREVER**

# OIT Success Rates- FAST 2019

		Started	D/C	Success rate
Single food	TX	549	90	83.6%
	UT	349	24	93.1%
	FL	216	29	86.6
Multi-food	TX	68	11	83.8%
	UT	187	11	94.1%
	FL	49	8	83.7

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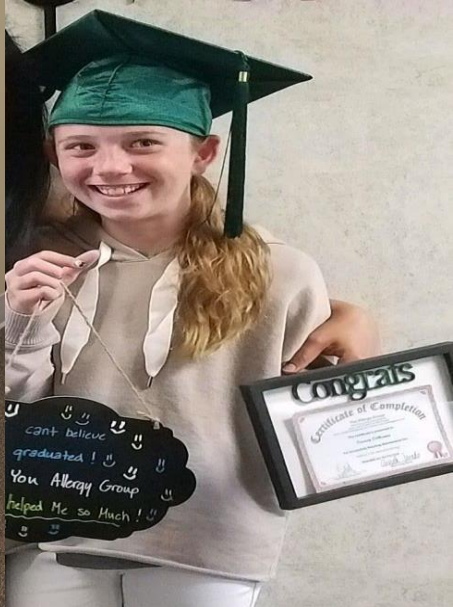
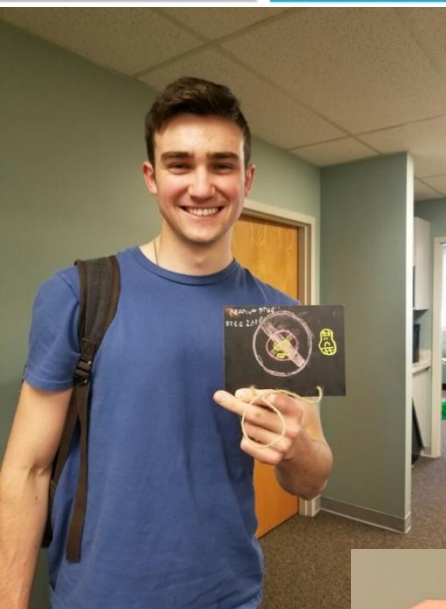
“Eating PBJ with my daughter is a dream come true -  
THANK YOU”

“We took our son to Texas Roadhouse tonight with all the peanuts around him and he was fine!!!...in July we went to Five Guys and that was surreal too..”

“The freedom from fear of food that you have given my daughter is immeasurable. Just today her friend ate a peanut butter granola bar in front of her and she didn't have to ask her not to.”







FDA NEWS RELEASE

## FDA approves first drug for treatment of peanut allergy for children

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**Press Announcements**

**For Immediate Release:** January 31, 2020

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Today the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Palforzia [Peanut (Arachis hypogaea) Allergen Powder-dnfp] to mitigate allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, that may occur with accidental exposure to peanuts. Treatment with Palforzia may be initiated in individuals ages 4 through 17 years with a confirmed diagnosis of peanut allergy and may be continued in individuals 4 years of age and older. Those who take Palforzia must continue to avoid peanuts in their diets.

**“Peanut allergy affects approximately 1 million children in the U.S. and only 1 out of 5 of these children will outgrow their allergy. Because there is no cure,**

AR101 for Peanut Allergy

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## Designed for Peanut Allergy Therapy

A first-of-its-kind, investigational, orally administered, biologic immunotherapy to reduce the frequency and severity of peanut allergy reactions in children and adolescents.

AR101 is an investigational biologic oral immunotherapy designed to reduce the frequency and severity of allergic reactions in case they are accidentally exposed to peanut.

Patients ingest controlled, increasing amounts of AR101 over a period of about six months or longer. The result is that the patient's immune system tolerates larger amount of peanut. After the dose escalation period, the patient continues to take a daily therapeutic dose to maintain desensitization.

Upon approval, our standardized treatment protocol will give allergists access to a medication that aims to provide predictable and reliable peanut allergy tolerance for their patients.





# PALISADES Phase 3 Trial

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#### ABSTRACT

##### BACKGROUND

Peanut allergy, for which there are no approved treatment options, affects patients who are at risk for unpredictable and occasionally life-threatening allergic reactions.

##### METHODS

In a phase 3 trial, we screened participants 4 to 55 years of age with peanut allergy for allergic dose-limiting symptoms at a challenge dose of 100 mg or less of peanut

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# Food OIT vs Palforzia

- Carry epinephrine autoinjector- Both!
- Maintenance dose for desensitization- Both!
- ? peanut powder in capsules vs real food
- ? Freely eat
- ? Standardized product – Need?
- Cost - ? Grocery store VS Drug Store(\$\$\$\$)!
- Health coverage – FOREVER with Paliforzia!

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**INTEREST,**  
EDUCATION, OR  
**AWARENESS**  
CAN'T HURT MY  
CHILD ANYMORE.

Nor can accidental  
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