NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE: November 30, 2010

TO: Housestaff and PCN Physicians, Faculty, and Nursing Personnel

From: Denis Dwyre, MD, Director of Immunology
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RE: Elimination of Dog Epithelium from Allergy Testing

Effective immediately "dog epithelium" (e2) will no longer be offered as part of allergy testing. Due to a new regulation that precludes the use of dog epithelium in any product, the manufacturer (Phadia) has discontinued this allergen.

NOTE: The most commonly used allergen to assess dog sensitization is dog dander (e5).

Dog dander is already part of some allergy panels and may be ordered separately.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Immunology department at 734-3041 or the Immunology supervisor at 734-7599.

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