

Pediatric Allergy

Focused on Pediatric Allergy

LabCorp recognizes the importance of early diagnosis of atopic allergy in pediatric patients. Clinical studies have shown that young children who develop atopic dermatitis^{1,2} or allergic rhinitis^{1,3,4} have an increased tendency to develop asthma as they grow older. Clinical intervention seems to be most effective if the treatments are initiated before the age of six, increasing the importance of early diagnostic testing.⁵ Through a comprehensive allergy test portfolio, LabCorp can assist in providing better care for the youngest patients.

LabCorp's quantitative allergen-specific IgE test can be useful in assessing the potential that an atopic disposition might play a role in fostering chronic sinusitis or dermatitis in pediatric patients. Accurate diagnosis of allergen sensitivity can allow the clinician to develop an optimal therapeutic approach at an early age. The progressive development of increasingly debilitating allergic disease as an atopic child grows into adulthood has been referred to by some researchers as the "allergy march."^{2,3,6} Early intervention can dramatically improve the child's symptoms and can reduce the chances of developing asthma in the future.¹⁻³

To assist in diagnosing allergen sensitivity in young children, LabCorp has designed allergen profiles specifically for pediatric patients younger than six years of age. These profiles are grouped according to age and include the most common allergens for each age group.

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See reverse for test information.

