**Isn’t It Time for an Allergist?**

Board-certified and fellowship-trained allergists know how important it is for patients to consult us if they’re struggling with any of the symptoms caused by allergic conditions. But it’s possible patients and their primary care providers (PCPs) don’t understand the tremendous value and improved quality of life that board-certified and fellowship-trained allergists can deliver.

We’ve created a campaign to help both PCPs and patients understand the importance of seeing a board-certified, fellowship-trained allergist. Because patients shouldn’t have to suffer with unresolved symptoms from allergies, asthma, atopic dermatitis, food allergies, urticaria or recurrent infections. When you want to end the cycle of suffering, it’s time for an allergist.

***Why should a PCP partner with an allergist?***

Allergists bring a depth of experience in determining the root of the problem and managing it. That experience makes us a valuable partner with primary care practitioners in the care of their patients with allergies and asthma. An allergist is a physician who specializes in diagnosing and treating allergies, asthma and other conditions caused by immune system dysfunction. Our board certification and fellowship training in allergy and immunology means we can see both adult and pediatric patients with a variety of medical conditions, including:

* Allergic rhinitis
* Anaphylaxis
* Asthma
* Chronic sinus problems including sinusitis
* Drug allergy
* Eczema
* Environmental allergies (pet dander, dust mites and more)
* Food allergy
* Hives
* Stinging insect allergy

***When should a PCP refer to an allergist?***

If a patient has symptoms of wheezing, coughing, sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, post-nasal drip or itchy, watery eyes that are not well controlled with typical over-the-counter medications, then it’s time for an allergist. An allergist can help determine whether the symptoms are related to an environmental allergy, such as pollens, molds, animal dander and dust mites, or something entirely different. Board-certified, fellowship-trained allergists have the specialized training necessary to identify the source of the allergy as well as knowledge of the latest medications to properly treat the patient.

***It's time for an allergist***

We made [this video](https://vimeo.com/745075604/633a3201b0) featuring celebrity John C McGinley to get the word out about the benefits of care by board-certified, fellowship-trained allergists. Because by partnering with an allergist, PCPs can prescribe relief. Check it out!