

# PCPs order more food allergen panels than allergists

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(HealthDay)—Primary care providers (PCPs) order significantly more

food allergen panels and generate higher costs per patient than allergists, according to a review published online Nov. 30 in *Pediatrics*.

David R. Stukus, M.D., from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus, and colleagues conducted a retrospective review of food allergen immunoglobulin E (IgE) tests ordered by all provider types during 2013.

The researchers found that 10,794 single-food IgE tests and 3,065 allergen panels were ordered during 2013. Most single-food IgE tests (58.2 percent) were ordered by allergists, while PCPs ordered 78.8 percent of food allergen panels (P 15 years ordered a higher number of food allergen panels (P

"These results suggest a need for increased education of PCPs regarding proper use of food IgE tests," the authors write.

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