

Alabama Asthma, Allergy & Immunology Center, P.C.

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Welcome to Alabama Asthma, Allergy & Immunology Center. We appreciate your choice of our clinic to care for your asthma and allergy related conditions. You will receive high quality care from our Physician, Dr. Shashi A.M. Kumar, our Nurse Practitioner, Kim Reisenwitz, and all of our staff.

Dr. Kumar is certified by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology. Dr. Kumar's post graduate training includes specialization in pediatrics at Lloyd Noland Hospital in Fairfield and allergy-immunology at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado and National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, Colorado. He was a Major in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army and served as Chief of Pediatrics at Fox Army Hospital on Redstone Arsenal and as Chief of the Allergy Clinical Immunology Service while stationed with the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Wuerzburg, Germany. Dr. Kumar sees children and adults with allergy and immunology problems. He and his wife have twin daughters.

Kim Reisenwitz Our Nurse Practitioner has been with this practice for the past 18 years. She received her Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She has over 35 years of nursing experience and has been nationally certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner since 1991. Kim works in collaboration with Dr. Kumar and is actively involved with the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of adults and children with asthma and allergic disease. She is married with four adult children and two grandchildren.

As a New Patient...

During your initial visit, a detailed history and physical examination, pulmonary function test (if you have asthma) and skin testing will be performed. For most allergy-related illnesses, every effort will be made to accomplish these tests in one visit. Patients with Blue Cross Blue Shield may require two separate visits for testing per insurance guidelines. A new patient visit may take as long as two hours. All patients will be seen as soon as possible. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This extra time will enable you to complete necessary paperwork. Please remember to bring your insurance information and cards with you.

YOU MUST STOP TAKING ALL ANTIHISTAMINE MEDICATIONS (e.g. Benadryl, Chlor-Trimeton, Atarax, Tavist, Claritin, Zyrtec, Allegra, Astelin NS, Astepro NS, etc.) FOR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT. This will enable us to do skin testing on the day of your visit. It is acceptable to continue nose sprays (other than Astelin), decongestants, inhalers, antibiotics and/or oral steroids if you are already taking them. If you have any questions about your medication, please call our office and we will be happy to assist you.

If the patient is under age 18, a parent/legal guardian must accompany the patient and should be familiar with the medical history. If possible, please do not bring other children to the appointment as our examination rooms have limited space for patient and testing supplies.

Again, we thank you for allowing us to assist you in leading a more normal life with your asthma and/or allergy related illness. Please call us if you have any questions about your visit to our office. See you soon!