

# **THE WILLIAM STORMS ALLERGY CLINIC**

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## **PRIVATE INVESTIGATION**

When investigating the cause of allergic symptoms, two types of tests may be used: a skin prick (or scratch) test and a blood test. The patient's medical history is also taken into consideration when diagnosing an allergy. In a skin prick test, which may cause reactions such as swelling and itching of the skin, a bit of the suspected allergen is scratched into the skin's surface. Typically, results of a skin test can be determined shortly after it is administered.

Blood tests can be used to determine allergies to insect stings, pollen, mold, and animal dander. Some discomfort may occur when blood is drawn. Blood tests results take longer to obtain than skin test results. Blood tests may be used if the patient history is severe enough that we do not wish to expose the patient to the allergen(s) in question, even in very dilute form, or if the patient is unable to stop allergy medications briefly for skin testing.

When allergies are constant or severe, speak with a doctor specializing in allergies. Contact us at **719-955-6000** for a thorough diagnosis and testing, if required. **THE WILLIAM STORMS ALLERGY CLINIC** is located at **1625 Medical Center Point, Suite 190**. We not only treat the immediate symptoms, we do all we can to minimize long-term effects. Relief is just a phone call away.