

ALLERGY-FOCUSSED CLINICAL HISTORY CHECKLIST IN SUSPECTED COW'S MILK ALLERGY IN INFANTS*

| Any personal history of allergic disease? | Comments |
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| (Ask about asthma, allergic rhinitis, and food allergy) | |
| Is there a parental history of allergic disease? | Comments |
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| Has the baby any known allergy risk factors? | Comments |
| C-Section Delivery? | |
| • Early onset atopic dermatitis? | |
| • Early use of antibiotics or acid-suppressive medications? | |
| What is the suspected source of cow's milk that caused the reported symptoms and what quantity was ingested? | Comments |
| • Exclusive breast feeding? Although rare, it's possible that cow's milk protein from the maternal diet causes symptoms. | |
| • Mixed feeding? Symptoms can result from top-up formulas or when added to weaning foods. | |
| Formula feeding? | |
| At what age did the symptoms first start? | Comments |



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| What symptoms were triggered? | Comments |
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| Consider CMA in infants who exhibit 2 or more persistent and/or severe symptoms from the list below: | |
| SKIN (E.g. Acute pruritus, erythema, urticaria, angioedema, persistent atopic dermatitis, acute 'flaring' of persistent atopic dermatitis) | |
| GASTROINTESTINAL (E.g. persistent irritability ('colic'), vomiting, reflux, food refusal or aversion, diarrhoea, constipation, abdominal discomfort, painful flatus, blood and/or mucus in the stool in an otherwise healthy infant) | |
| RESPIRATORY SYSTEM (E.g. rhinitis, conjunctivitis, cough, wheeze, stridor) | |
| CARDIOVASCULAR (E.g. drowsiness, loss of consciousness) | |
| How quickly do the symptoms appear after exposure? | Comments |
| <2hrs (IgE Mediated) Within 2-72hrs (Non-IgE Mediated) | |
| Duration, severity and frequency of symptoms? | Comments |
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| Reproducibility of symptoms on repeated exposure? | Comments |
| (To be classified as an allergy, the appearance of symptoms should be reproducible) | |
| Has the child received previous treatments, including medication, for the presenting symptoms and what was the response to treatment? | Comments |
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Please note this is a guide for taking a food allergy history and not a diagnostic tool *Adapted from: Erlewyn-Lajeunesse M *et al. Archives of Disease in Childhood - Education and Practice* 2019;104:286-291



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