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## **Diet Journal**

### **For Food Allergies and Intolerances**

#### **Instructions for Keeping a Food Diary**

1. There are three types of diary sheets included:
  - A.** The first is a symptom diary to be filled out before you start your avoidance diet. **(Before Diet Inventory)**
  - B.** The second is a symptom diary to be filled out each day you are on the diet **(Elimination)**. **You will need to make copies of this one for the days on the elimination diet.**
  - C.** The third is a symptoms diary to be filled out when you reintroduce food **(Reintroduction Symptom Inventory)**
2. During the avoidance diet you need to keep careful track of your diet. Be specific about foods that you ate. You may identify other foods that you are sensitive to as you go through the process.
3. The Symptoms Diary lists common symptoms related to food allergies and intolerances. If you experience the symptoms then you need to rank how strong the symptom is. Rank how severe the symptoms is based on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being mild and 10 being severe. Circle the number.
4. Note all symptoms even if they seem mild. If you experience a symptom that is not listed then record it in the "Other" section.
5. If you have any chronic illnesses such as asthma, nasal allergies, bowel problems etc list these in the "Other" section and rank the severity each day.
6. If you experience immediate symptoms (within 30 minutes of eating a food) then record the symptoms in the immediate reaction column.
7. When challenge is complete, schedule follow up appointment with the doctor and bring your food diary.

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**A**

## Diet Journal: Before

**Day 0:** this is the day before you start the elimination diet. Eat your regular diet on this day.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Symptom Inventory	Rank
<b>Respiratory</b>	
Sneezing	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Nasal congestion	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Runny nose	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Itchy or watery eyes	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Cough	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Wheezing	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
<b>Digestive</b>	
Nausea	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Abdominal Pain	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Bloating	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Diarrhea	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Constipation	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Abdominal gas	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
<b>Skin</b>	
Hives	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Eczema	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Itch	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
<b>Additional Symptoms</b>	
Swelling of lips, mouth, face or tongue	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Fatigue	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Irritability	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Poor appetite	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Headache	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Muscle/Joint pain	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Canker sores	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
<b>Other:</b>	
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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Food Diary		
Food eaten	Time	Immediate Reaction

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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B

## Diet Journal: Elimination

**Day #** (circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

**Follow strict elimination of the food from your diet. Read labels and avoid!**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Diet Journal: Challenge

Day # (circle): Challenge 1      Challenge 2      Challenge 3

**Add the suspected food back into your diet today. If immediate symptoms develop, treat the reaction and remove food from the diet.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Food eaten	Time	Immediate Reaction

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