MOLD ALLERGIES

A guide to help identify what mold may be triggering your allergy symptoms.



ALTERNARIA

Seasonal. Common in the air from late spring into fall; grows on organic debris in the soil and infests leaves, stems, and flowers of vegetables, fruits, grains, and plants.



HELMINTHO-SPORIUM

Seasonal. Often found on grasses and cereal grains, therefore grain threshing machines release large quantities of these molds spores into the air.



HORMODENDRUM (aka cladosporium)

Year-round. Very common in the air, sometimes making up half of spore count from summer through December. Grows on organic debris in the soil and on dead leaves.



AUREOBASIDIUM PULLULANS

Year-round. Most plentiful during the afternoon, this fungus has a slimy, yeastlike appearance. It's found indoors, as well as on trees.



PENICILLIUM

Year-round. Often blue or green and found on food and other organic materials in the home. It's most plentiful during the winter.



FUSARIUM

Year-round. Spores from this fungus are produced in a slimy mass and require water-splashing for their dispersal. They are also parasitic on vegetable and field crops.



ASPERGILLUS

Year-round. A soil fungus that also grows on stored food products under damp conditions. Typically found on wet surfaces in bathrooms and drip pans of various appliances.



CANDIDA ALBICANS

Year-round. Candida is a fungus normally found in the body, though in excess it can cause allergic reactions for individuals. It can also be found dormant on hard surfaces.

