

# Region XVIII

## Upper and Lower Respiratory Disease Allergy Profile

### Alaska

- Brome grass, g11
- Canary grass, g71
- Cat dander, e1
- Cockroach, i6
- Common pigweed, w14
- Common silver birch, t3
- Cottonwood, t14
- Dog dander, e5
- Grey alder, t2
- House dust mite (*Dermatophagoides farinae*), d2
- House dust mite (*Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus*), d1
- Mold (*Alternaria alternata*), m6
- Mold (*Aspergillus fumigatus*), m3
- Mold (*Cladosporium herbarum*), m2
- Total IgE

#### Allergens Indicated by ImmunoCAP Codes

d=dust mites (house), e=epidermal, g=grass, i=insect, m=mold, t=tree, w=weed

### ImmunoCAP Respiratory Allergy Profile

The ImmunoCAP Respiratory Allergy Profile provides an accurate and convenient method of confirming or excluding atopy in patients with allergy-like respiratory symptoms.<sup>1</sup> It also accurately identifies and quantifies specific allergen sensitivities in patients with confirmed allergy. Phadia offers 19 different regional Respiratory Allergy Profiles for the United States. The allergens in each profile were selected based on regional pollen data and disease prevalence, as well as for their cross-reactivity with other comparable allergens.<sup>2</sup> This cross-reactivity helps to ensure the most efficient detection of atopic sensitivities with a single profile for an individual patient in your given region.<sup>3</sup> ImmunoCAP testing employs specific IgE levels calibrated to detect more than 95% of patients with allergy.<sup>4-6</sup>

**CPT CODES:** 86003 x 14 Specific IgE  
82785 x 1 Total IgE

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