

Ant Venom Immunotherapy: Improving method and maintenance.

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Status	RECRUITING
Sponsor	Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmanian Government
Enrollment	800 participants

Plain Language Summary

This study is testing the best way to give venom immunotherapy (allergy shots) to people who have had serious allergic reactions to jack jumper ant stings. Jack jumper ants are native to Australia and their stings can cause life-threatening reactions in some people. Venom immunotherapy involves gradually giving small amounts of ant venom to make the body less reactive to it over time. The study is comparing two ways to start this treatment (quick over 2 days vs. slower over 10 weeks) and two different ongoing dose levels (low vs. standard), to find the safest and most effective approach.

You may be eligible if:

- You are a child or adult
- You have had one or more serious (systemic) allergic reactions to a known or suspected jack jumper ant sting

You may NOT be eligible if:

- Your allergy test (skin test and blood test) came back negative for venom-specific antibodies
- You are pregnant at the time treatment begins
- You have a psychiatric illness that would prevent you from understanding the study
- You have severe heart or lung disease that puts you at high risk from minor allergic reactions

Talk to your doctor about whether this trial might be right for you.

Key Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion (1)

- Adults and children with a history of one or more systemic allergic reactions to a known or suspected JJA sting.

Exclusion (1)

- Negative intradermal skin and serum (RAST) tests for venom-specific IgE; pregnancy at time of treatment initiation; psychiatric illness rendering the patient unable to understand the study; severe cardiac or respiratory disease such that there is a high risk of decompensation to the mild-moderate allergic reactions that commonly occur with immunotherapy.

Locations (1 total)

Australia

<https://www.anzctr.org.au/Trial/Registration/TrialReview.aspx?ACTRN=ACTRN12606000333516>

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