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Pearl and Pitfalls in Treating Allergic Rhinitis

Practical in Diagnosis and Management

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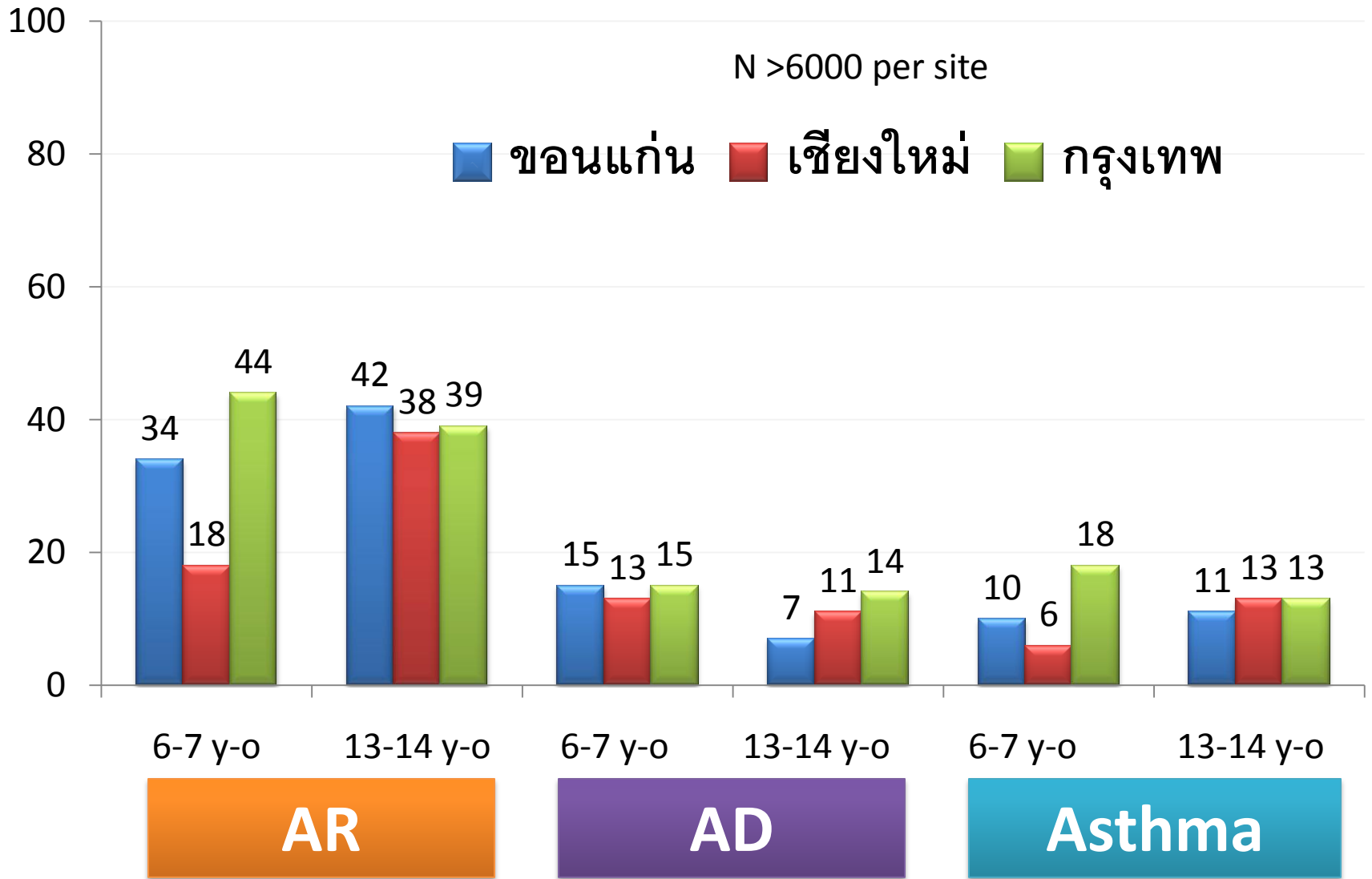
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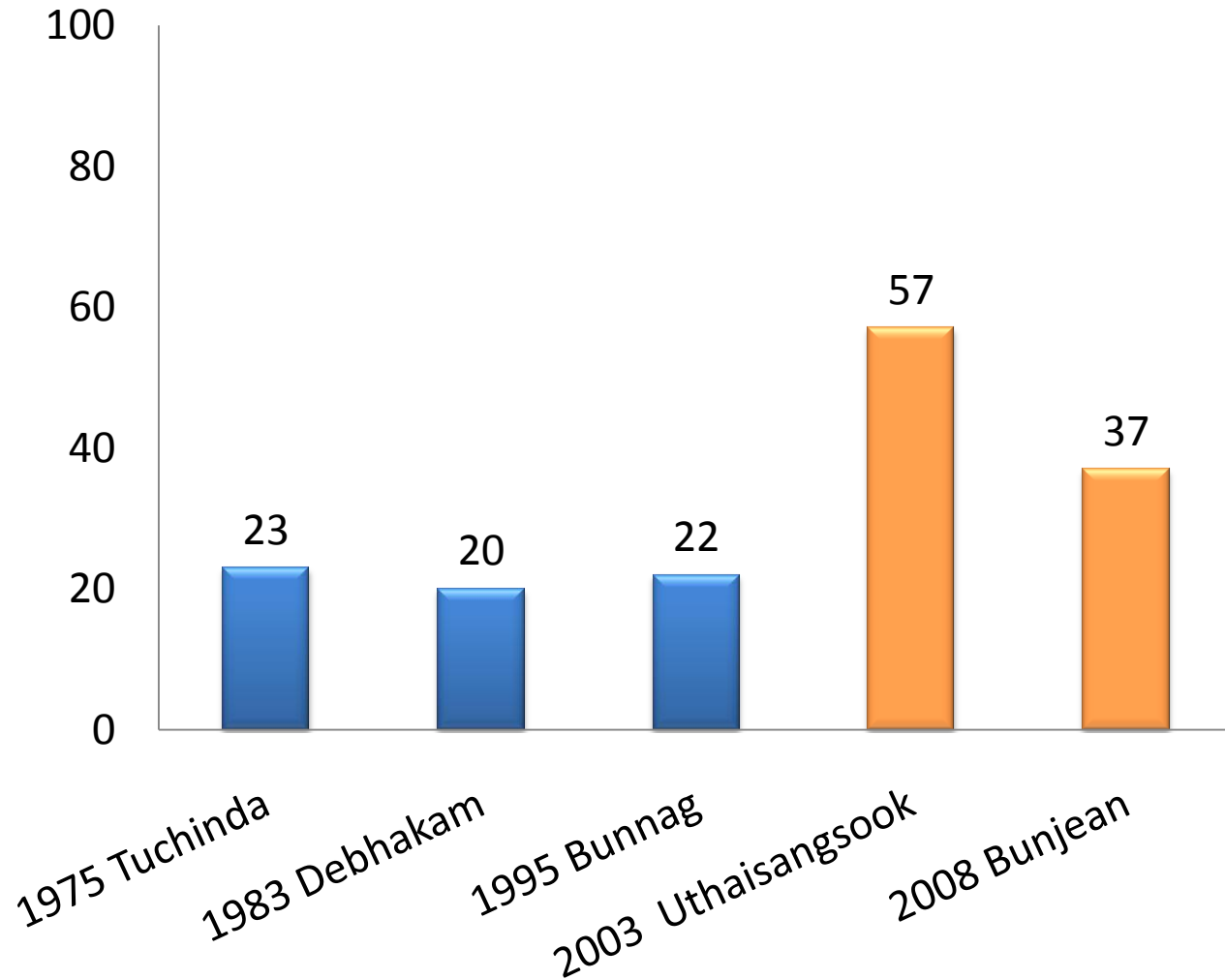
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Adult Prevalence of Allergic Rhinitis



Pearl and Pitfalls in Dx

Chief complaints

Keys physical findings

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What is your diagnosis?

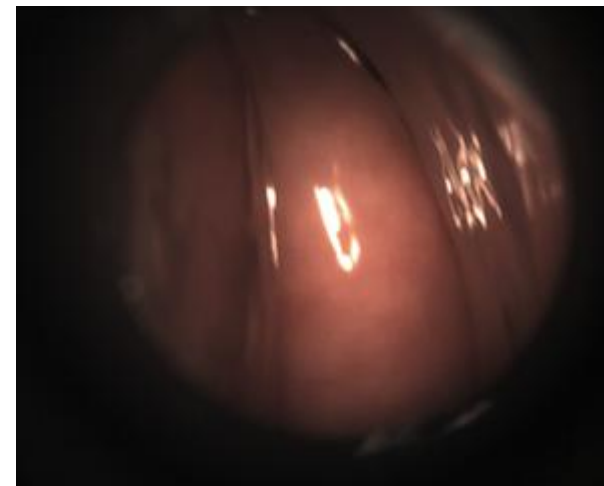
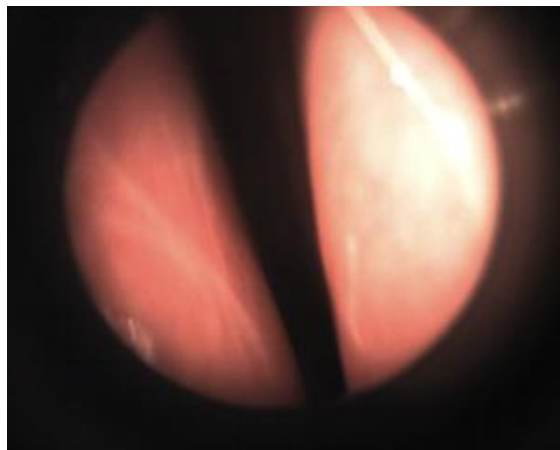
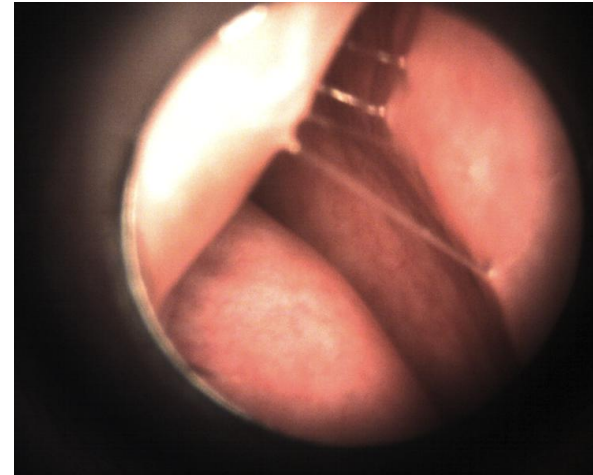
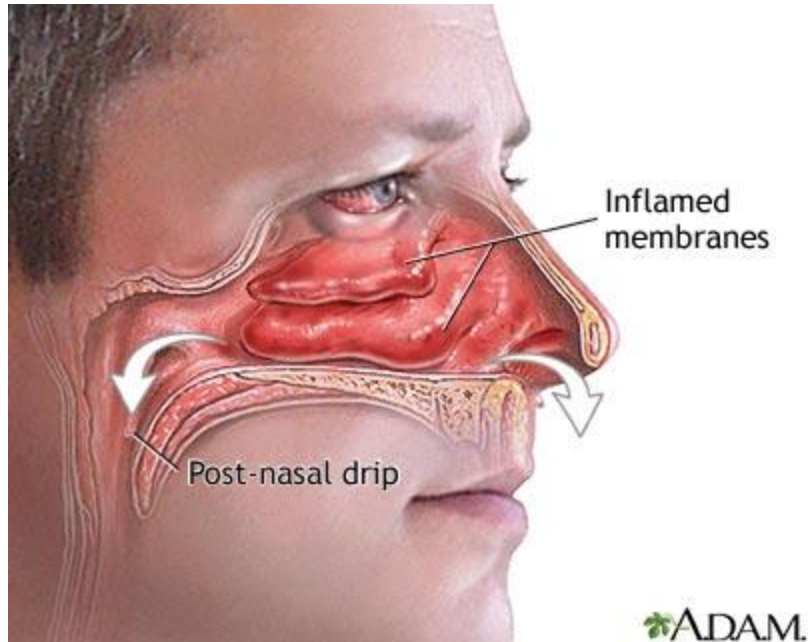


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Here is the answer



AR and Upper airway obstruction

Commonly presented with dyspnea or SOB



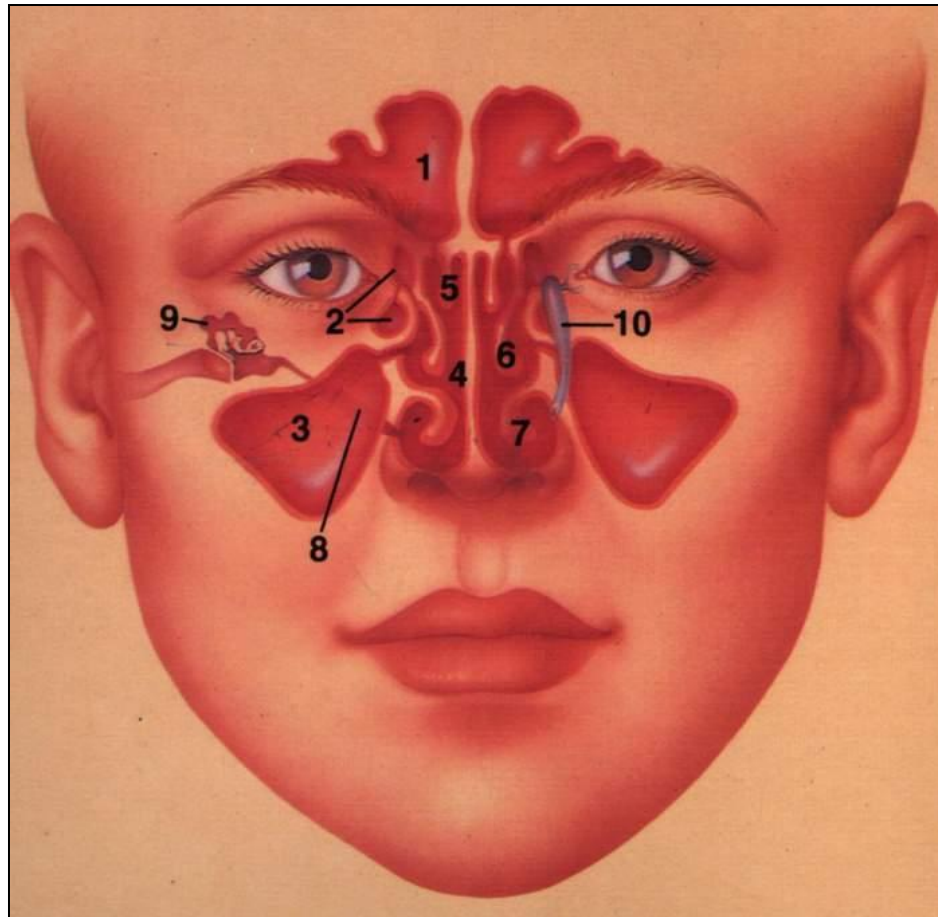
Headache and Allergic Rhinitis



Why?



The link of Noses, Eyes, Ears, and Sinuses



**Chronic cough had been treated as asthma
and also with various expectorant and
cough suppressants, but not improved**

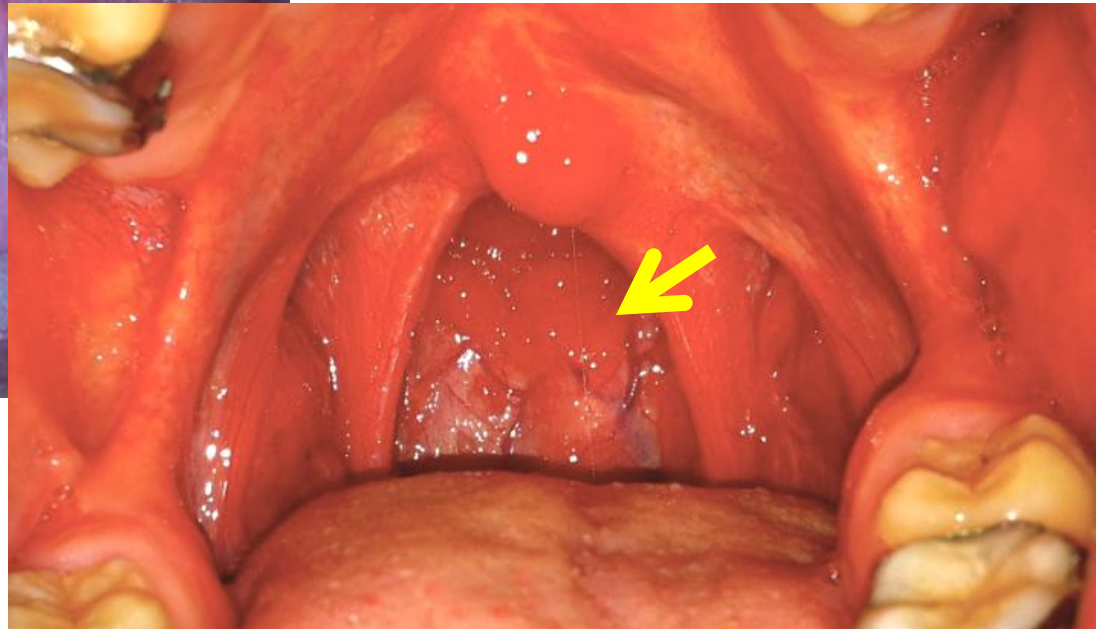
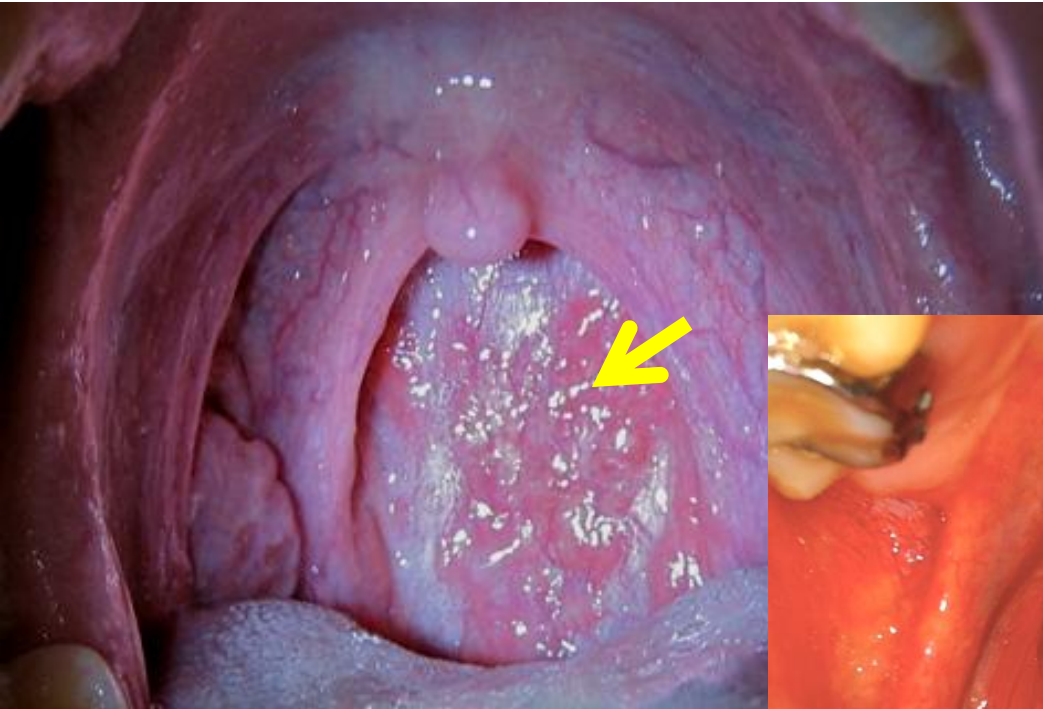


**Chronic Paroxysmal Cough
Had been treated as asthma for years**



**After Topical Nasal
Decongestant Treatment**

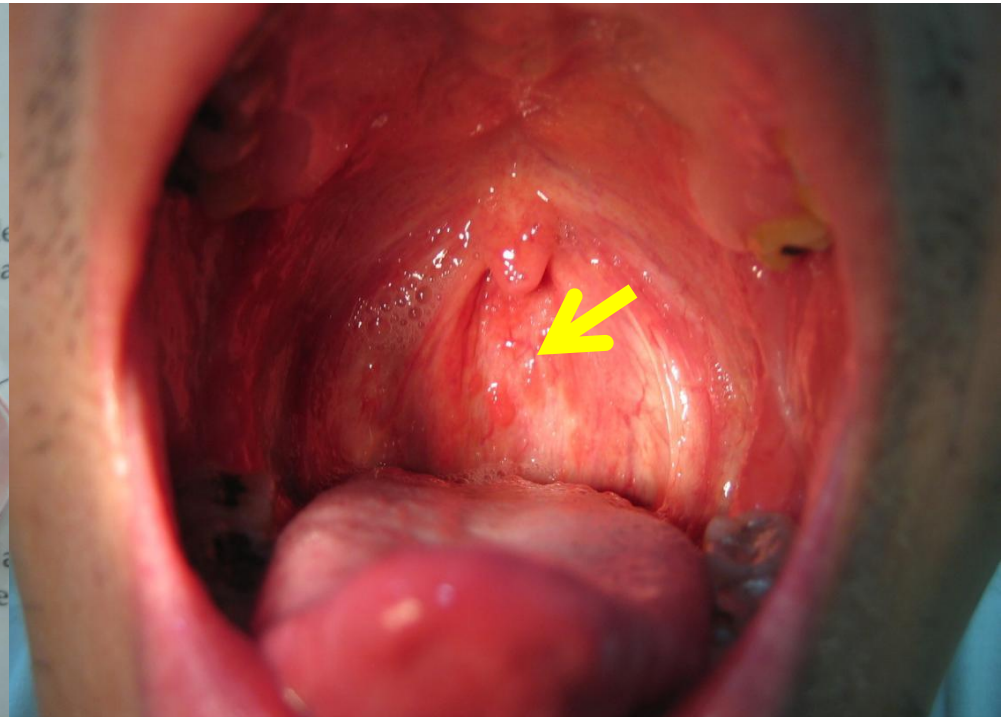
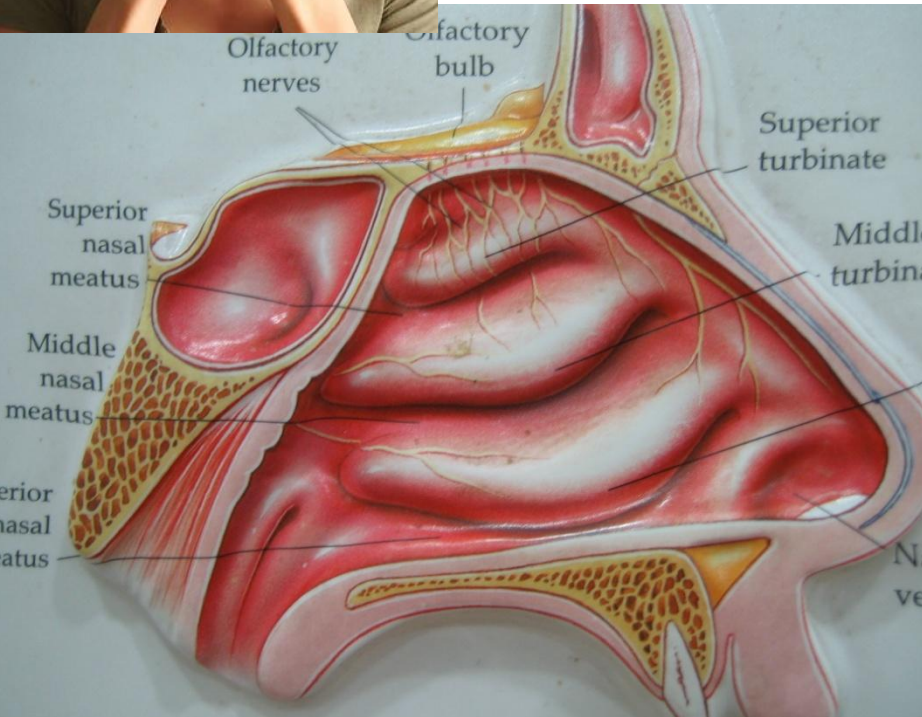
**Chronic cough, throat clearing,
some with symptom of globus hystericus**





ทำไมภูมิแพ้มีกลิ่นปากแรง *Halitosis*

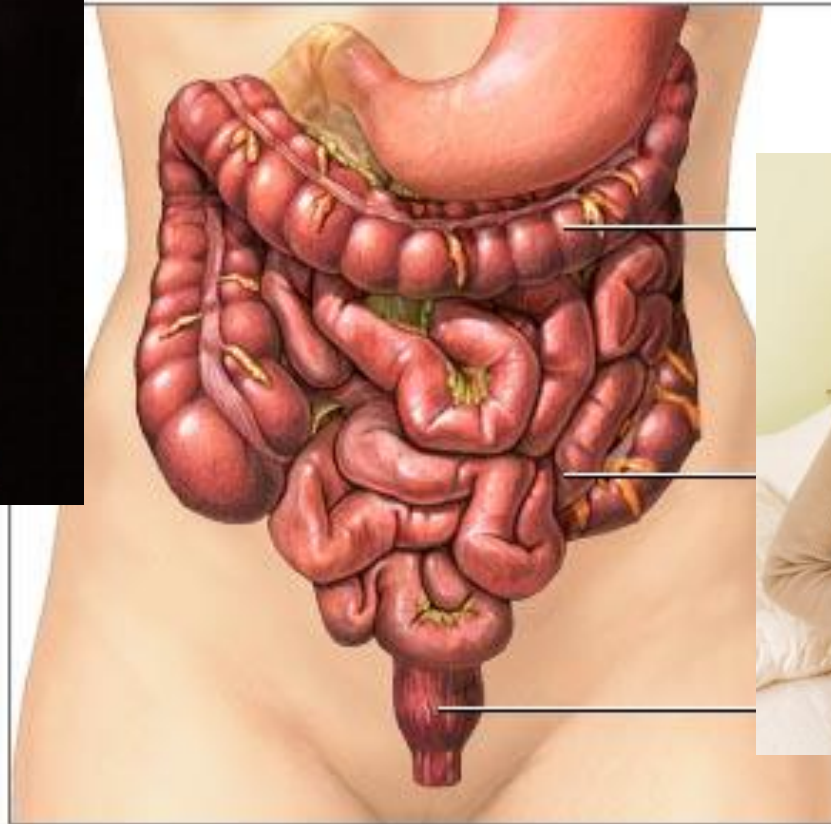
Fetor Oris, Oral Malodor



เพราะจมูกบวม ทำให้เมื่อหายใจไม่ได้ ติดอยู่หลังคอ ทำให้อาหาร
มาติดค้างอยู่เนืองๆ จึงเกิดกลิ่นเหม็นจากแบคทีเรีย โดยเฉพาะ
เวลาทานขนมหวานๆ

ภูมิแพ้จมูก กับ ปัญหาท้องอืด ท้องเฟ้อ

อาการคล้ายโรคกระเพาะแต่ทานยาไม่ได้ผล

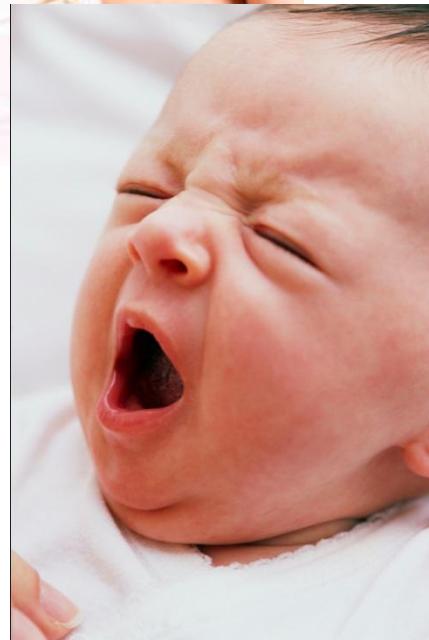


ADAM.

Aerophagia and flatulency

Sleepiness, Fatigability

Severe AR affects the QoS

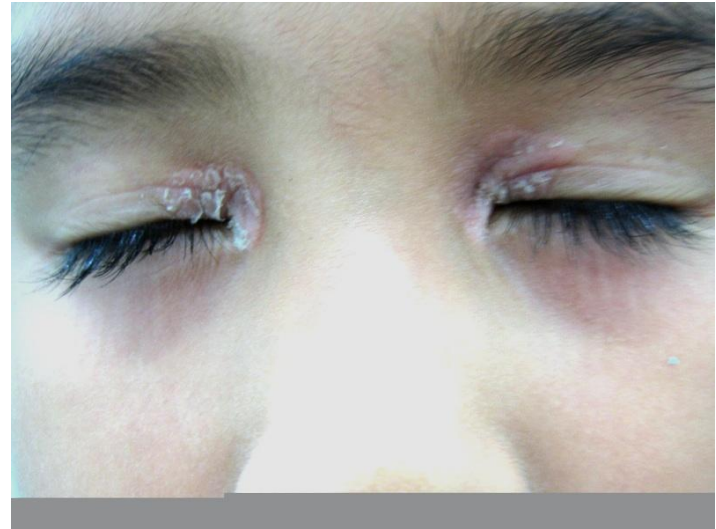
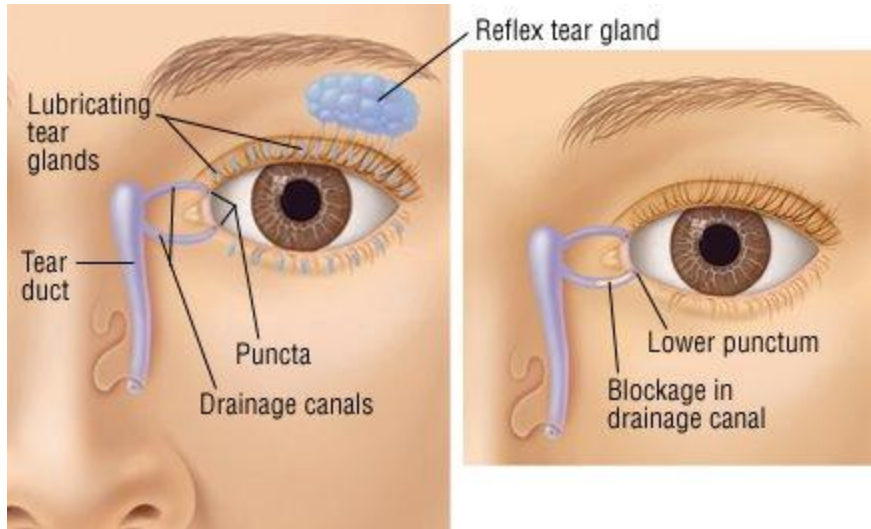


Cheilitis and AR

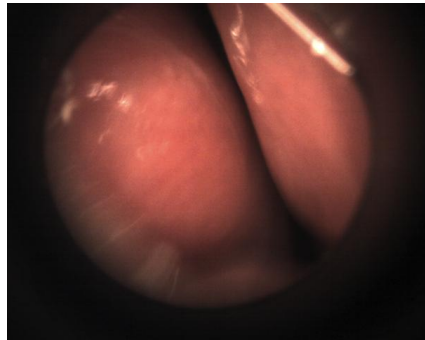
secondary to chronic mouth breathing
and lip licking



Itching Eyes and Atopic Dermatitis



Symptoms of Chronic Nasal Blockade



Most patients may not be aware of such obstruction

Chronic Cough

Postnasal drip, +/- BHR

Chronic Headache

Paranasal sinuses obstruction

Throat clearing S/S

Postnasal drip

Difficulty in Breathing

Severe obstruction
Mouth breathing
Dry mouth, stomatitis
Aggravating asthma

Vertigo

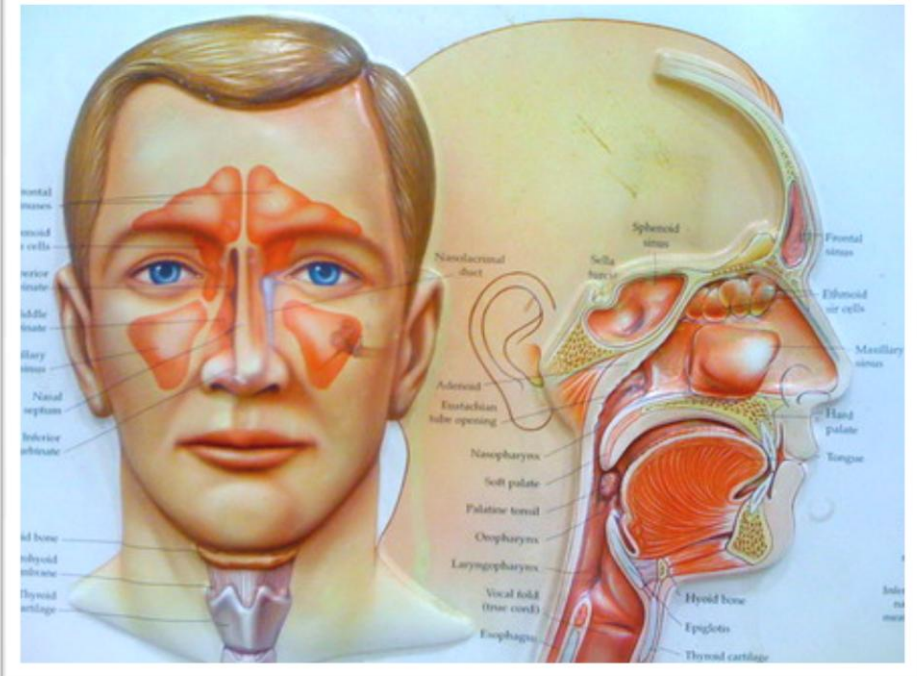
ET dysfunction

Snoring or problem in sleeping

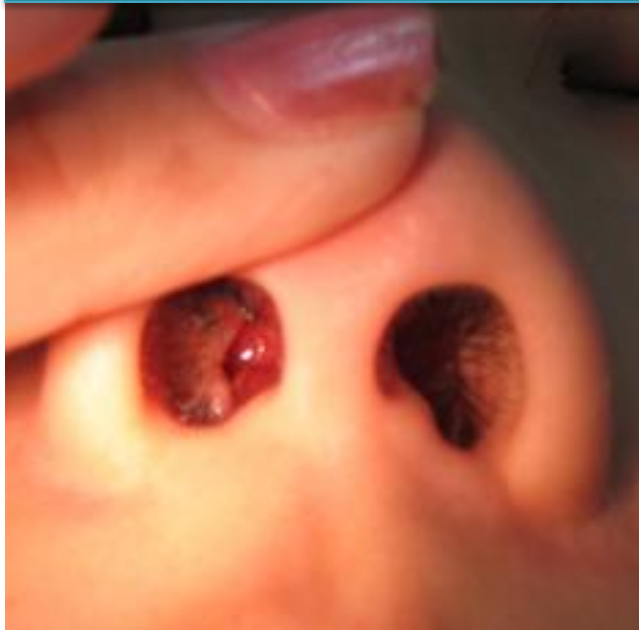
Allergic Shiners



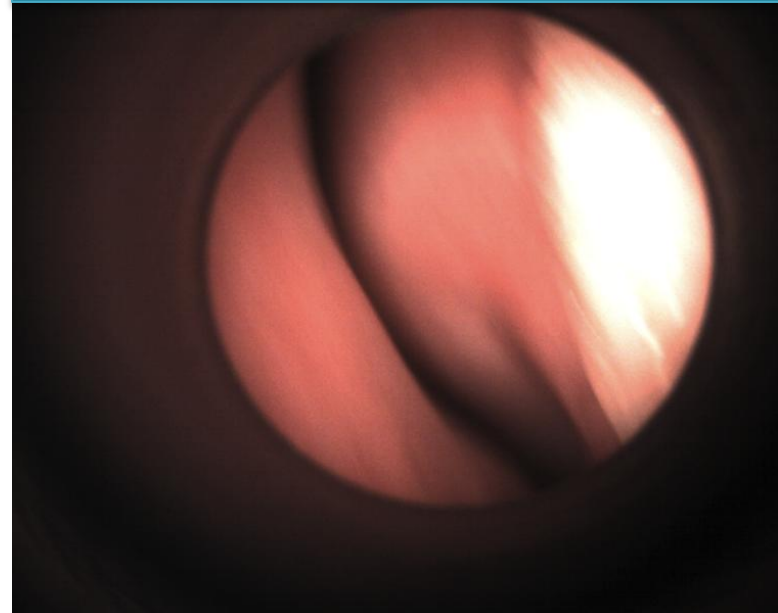
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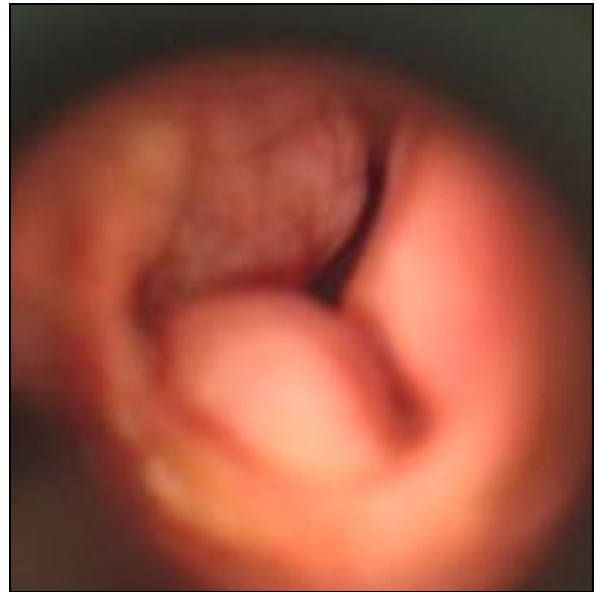
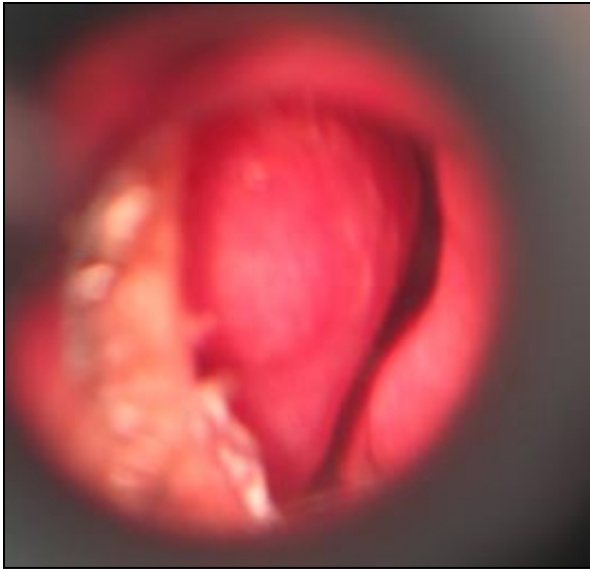
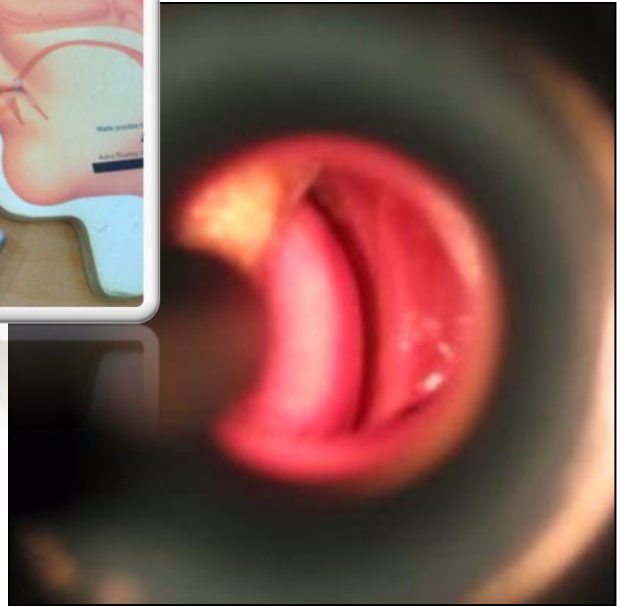


ตรวจส่องจมูก ข้างขวาบวมปิดรู



ส่องกล้องจมูกด้านซ้าย บวมปิดสนิท





Digital Nasoscopy



การตรวจแบบง่ายว่าจมูกตันหรือไม่

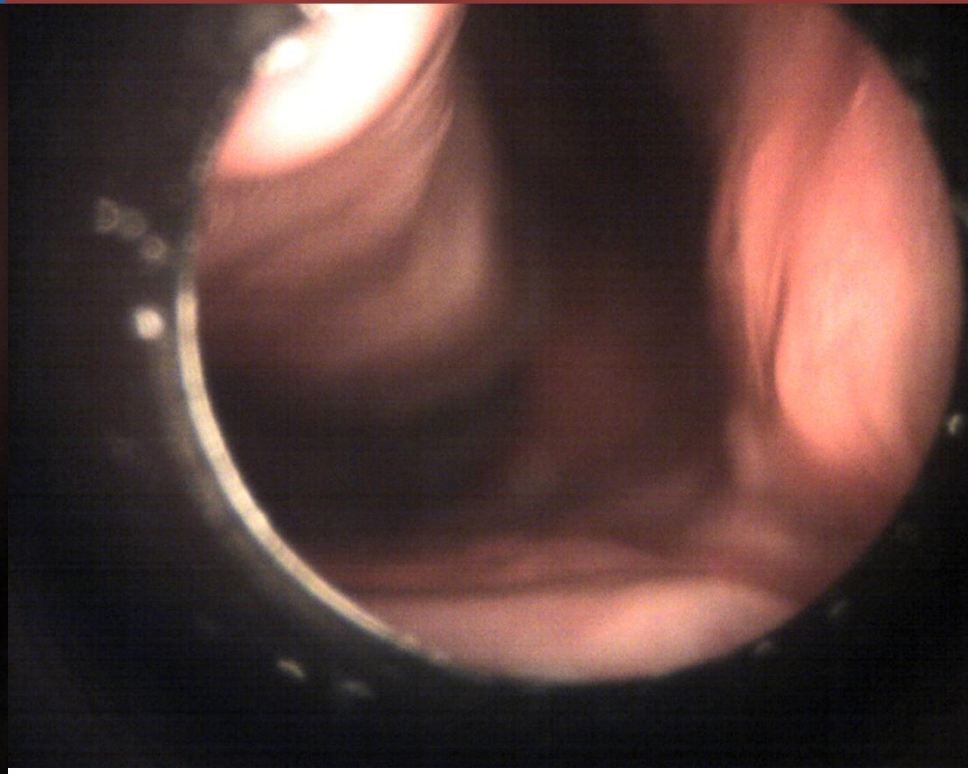
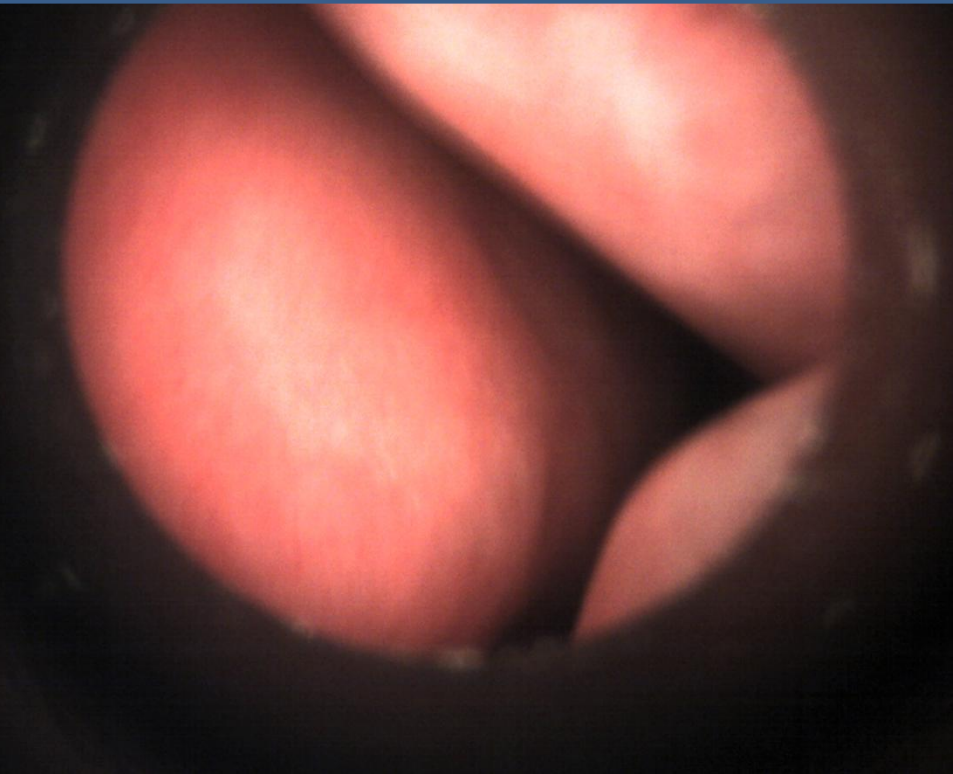
Nasal Patency Test



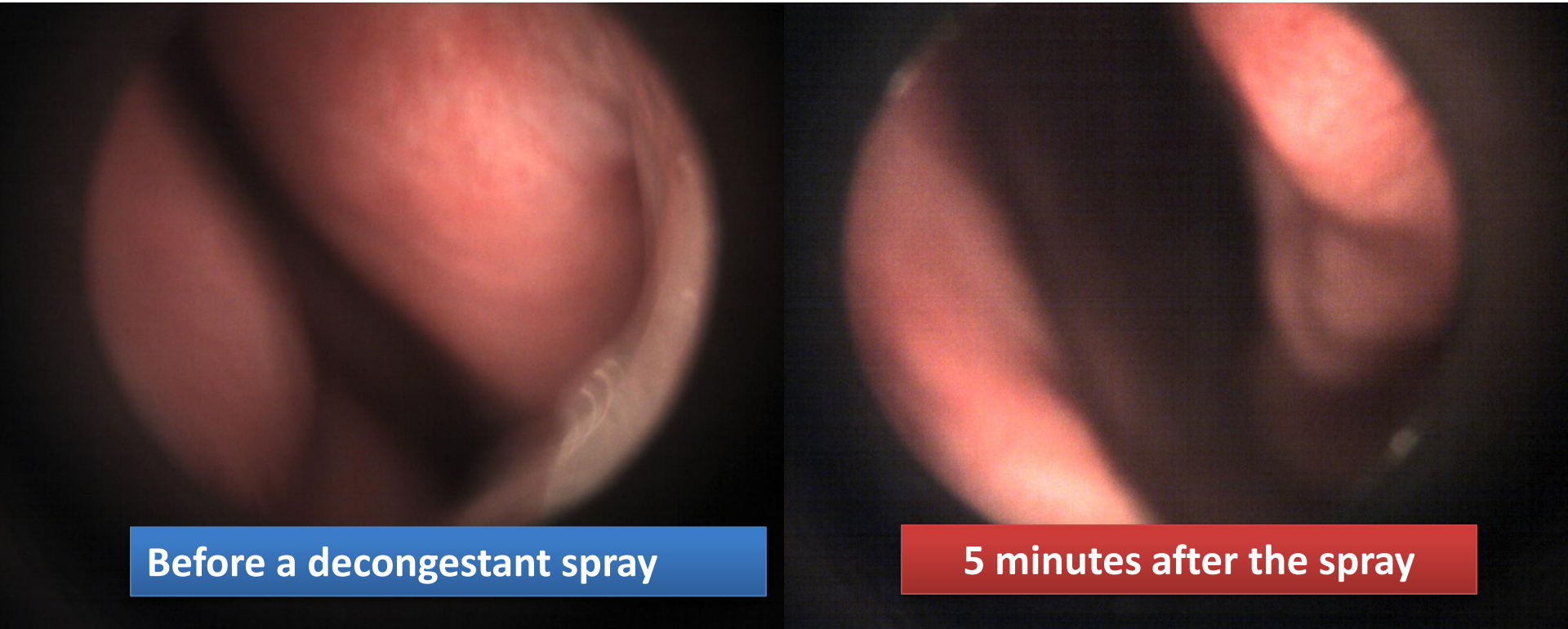
Nasal Decongestion: Pre and Post

Before a decongestant spray

5 minutes after the spray

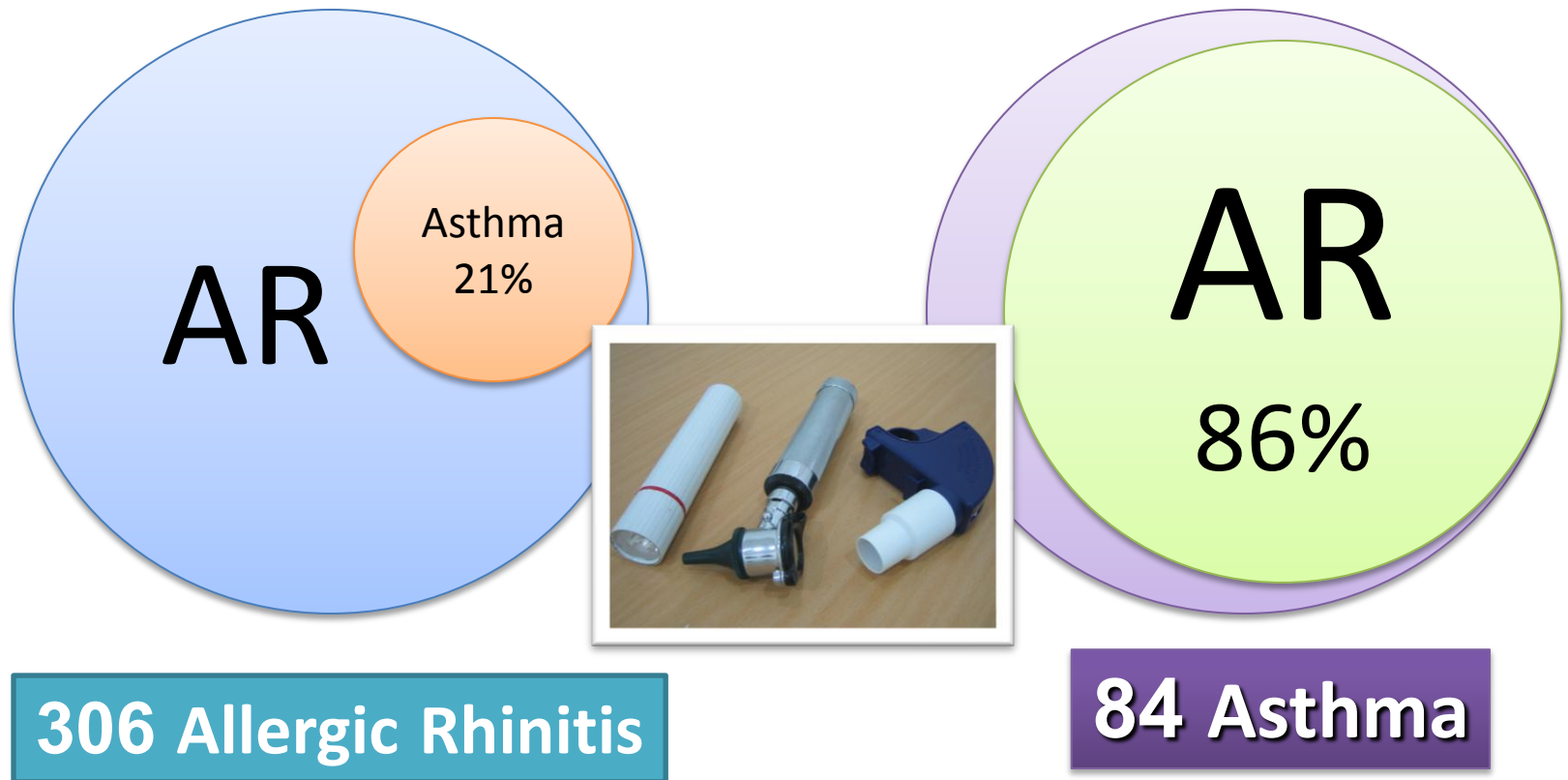


Nasal Decongestion: Pre and Post



Co-existence of Asthma and AR

23-Years Follow-up Study of
Former Brown University Students (N=738)



Skin Prick Tests

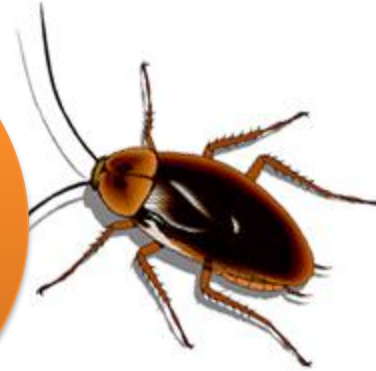
HDM

70%



Cockroach

50 %



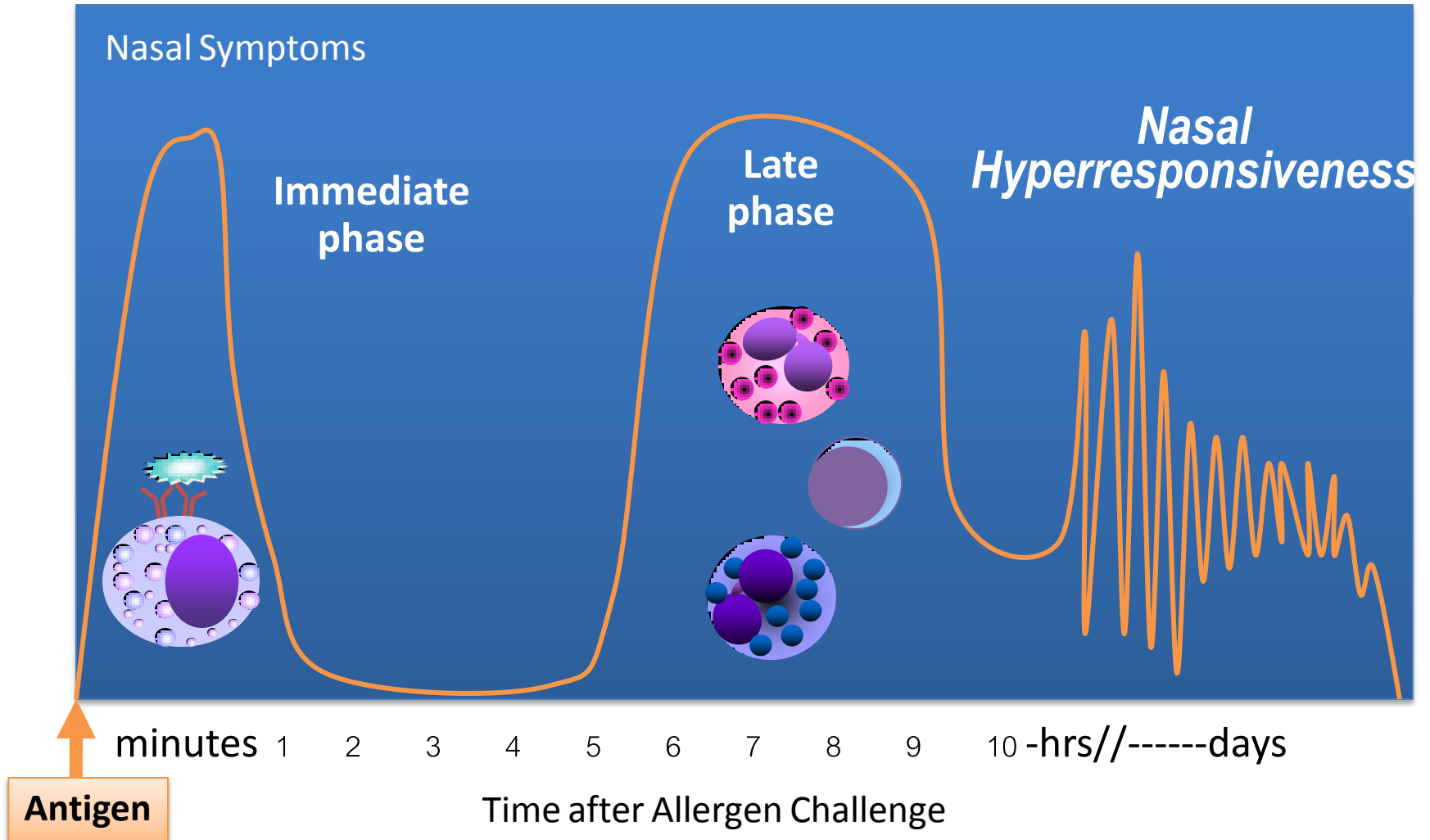
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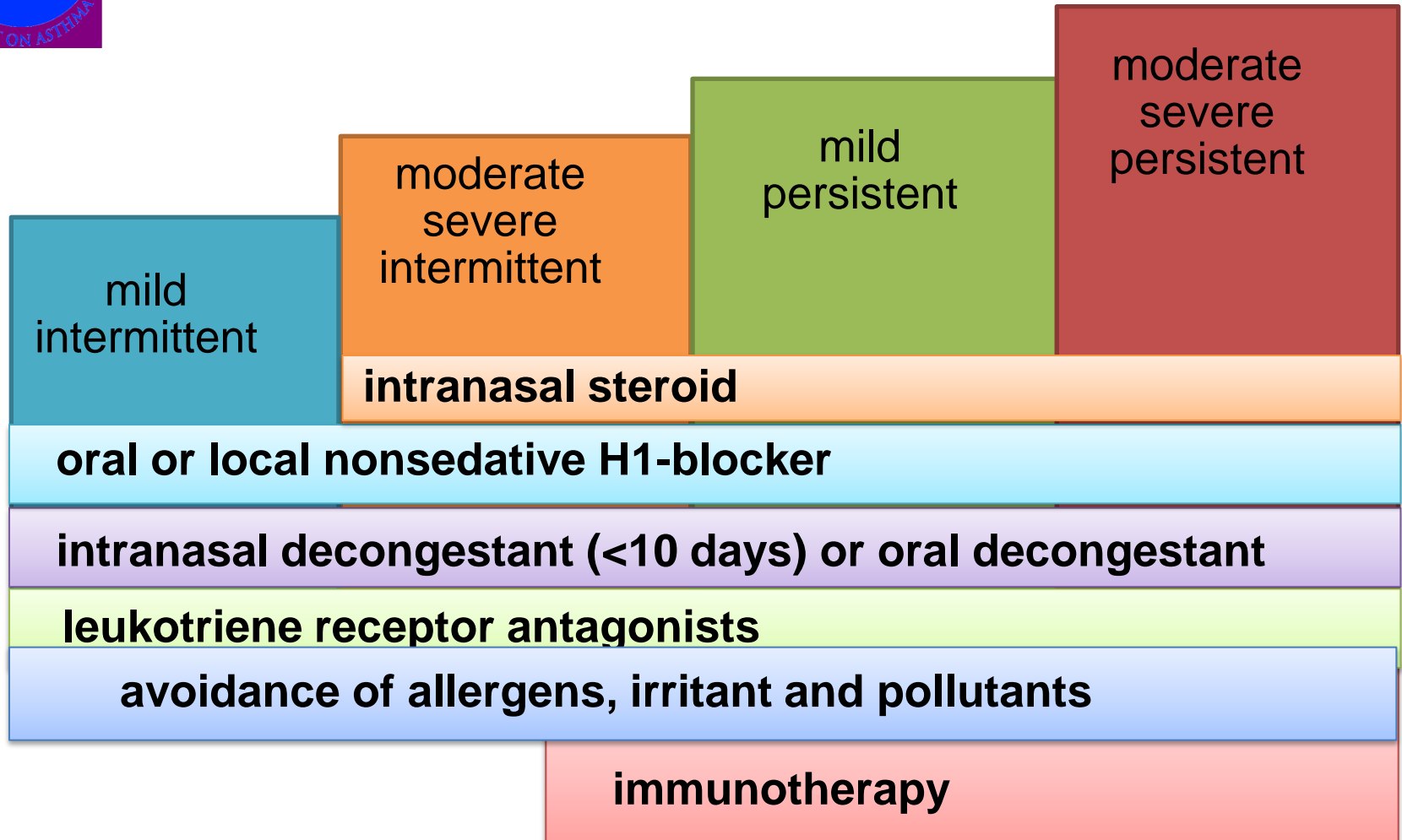
30%



Allergic Rhinitis

Events After Allergen Exposure





การรักษา โรคภูมิแพ้จมูก



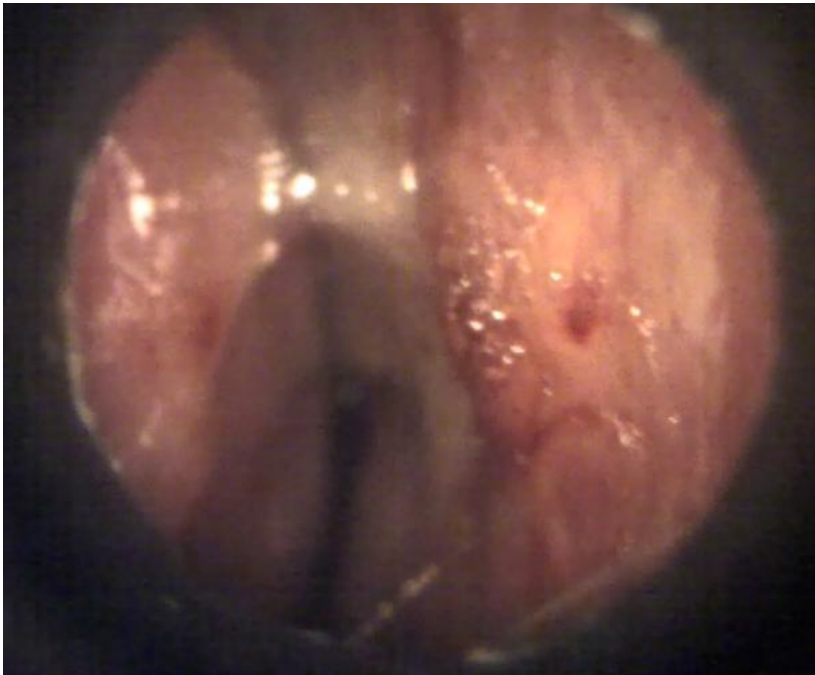
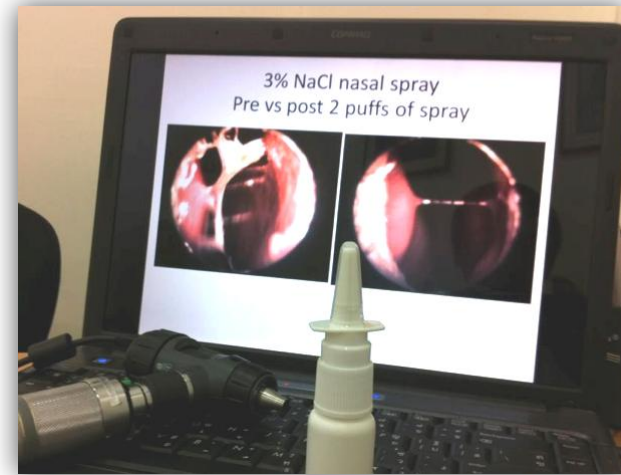
หลักในการรักษามี 4 ขั้นตอน

1. กำจัดและหลีกเลี่ยงสารก่อภูมิแพ้และสารระคายเคืองต่างๆ
2. การรักษาด้วยยาเพื่อควบคุมอาการ เช่น ยาแก้แพ้ชนิดกิน หรือยาพ่นจมูก โดยให้แพทย์หรือเภสัชกรแนะนำ
3. การฉีดวัคซีนภูมิแพ้ เป็นการรักษาโดยฉีดสารก่อภูมิแพ้ที่เป็นสาเหตุ (วัคซีนภูมิแพ้) โดยค่อยๆ เพิ่มจำนวน เพื่อให้สร้างภูมิต้านทานต่อสิ่งที่แพ้ วิธีนี้มักจะใช้สำหรับผู้ป่วยที่มีอาการมาก
4. การรักษาโดยการผ่าตัด เพื่อลดขนาดเยื่อจมูกที่บวมมากๆ หรือแก้ผนังจมูกคด หรือเป็นไซนัสอักเสบเรื้อรัง

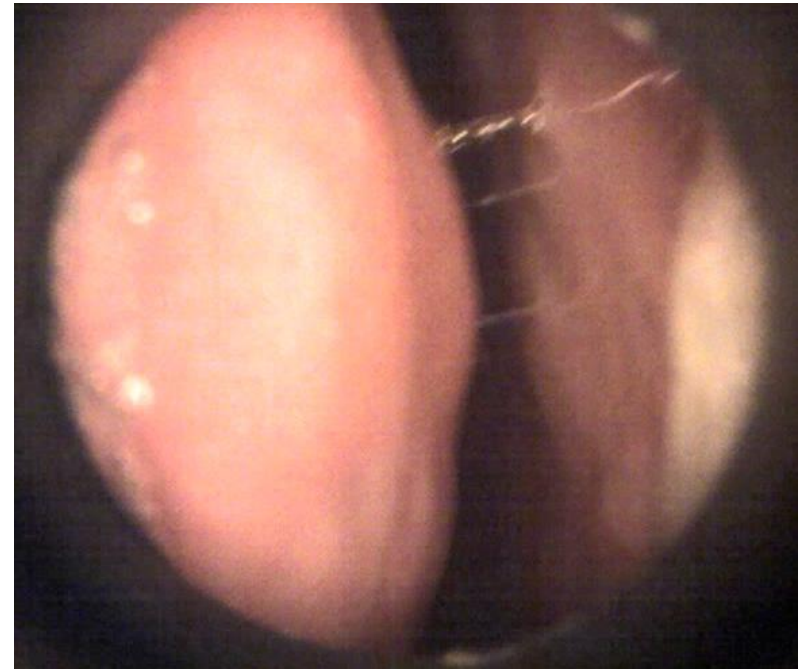


Nasal washing

Does it help in AR?



Pre-hypertonic saline wash



Post-hypertonic saline wash

Chulalongkorn DBPC Comparison Study

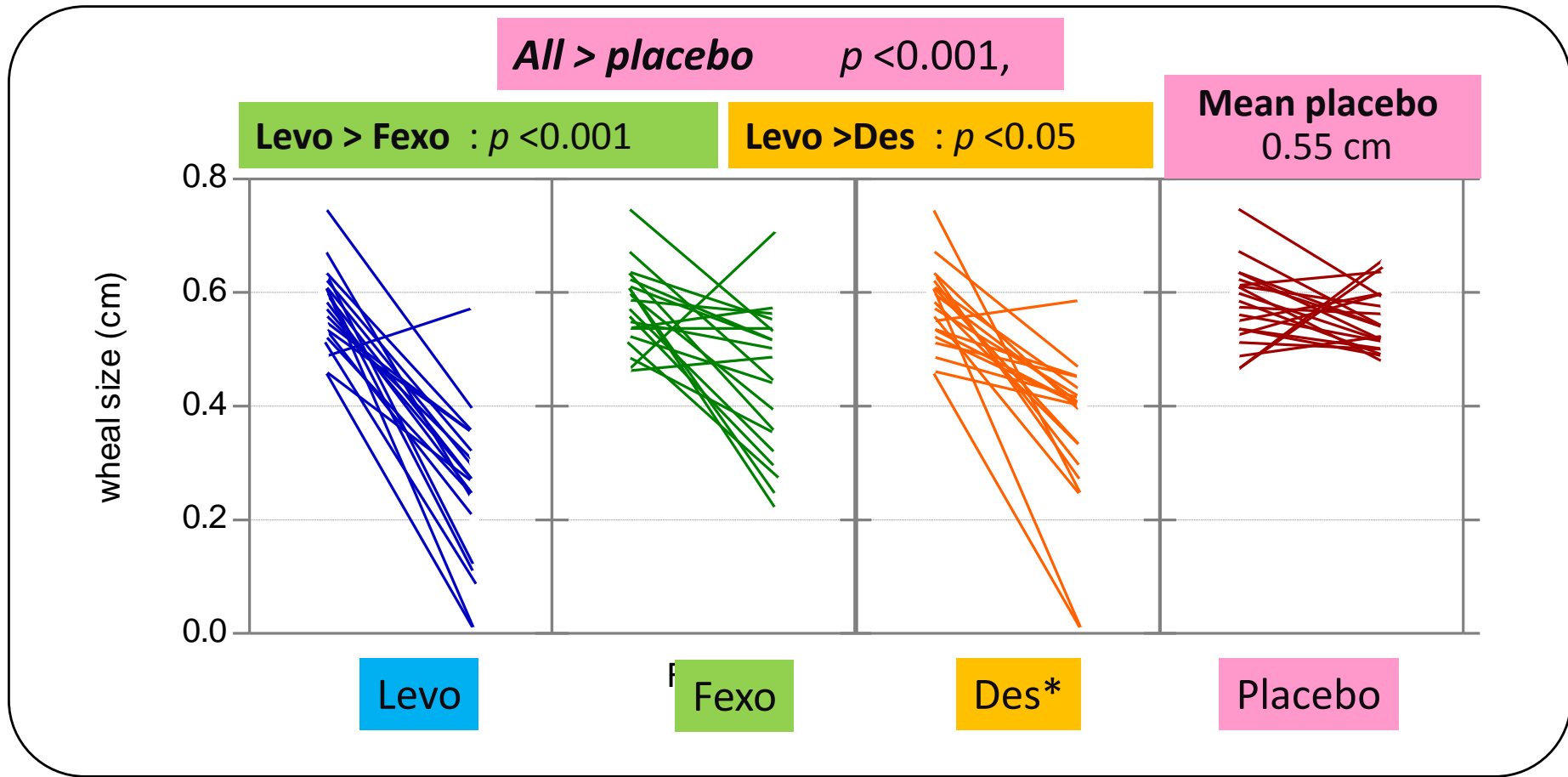
Desloratadine, Fexofenadine, and Levcetirizine

Pavarat Saengaram, MD

With no any pharmaceutical industry support

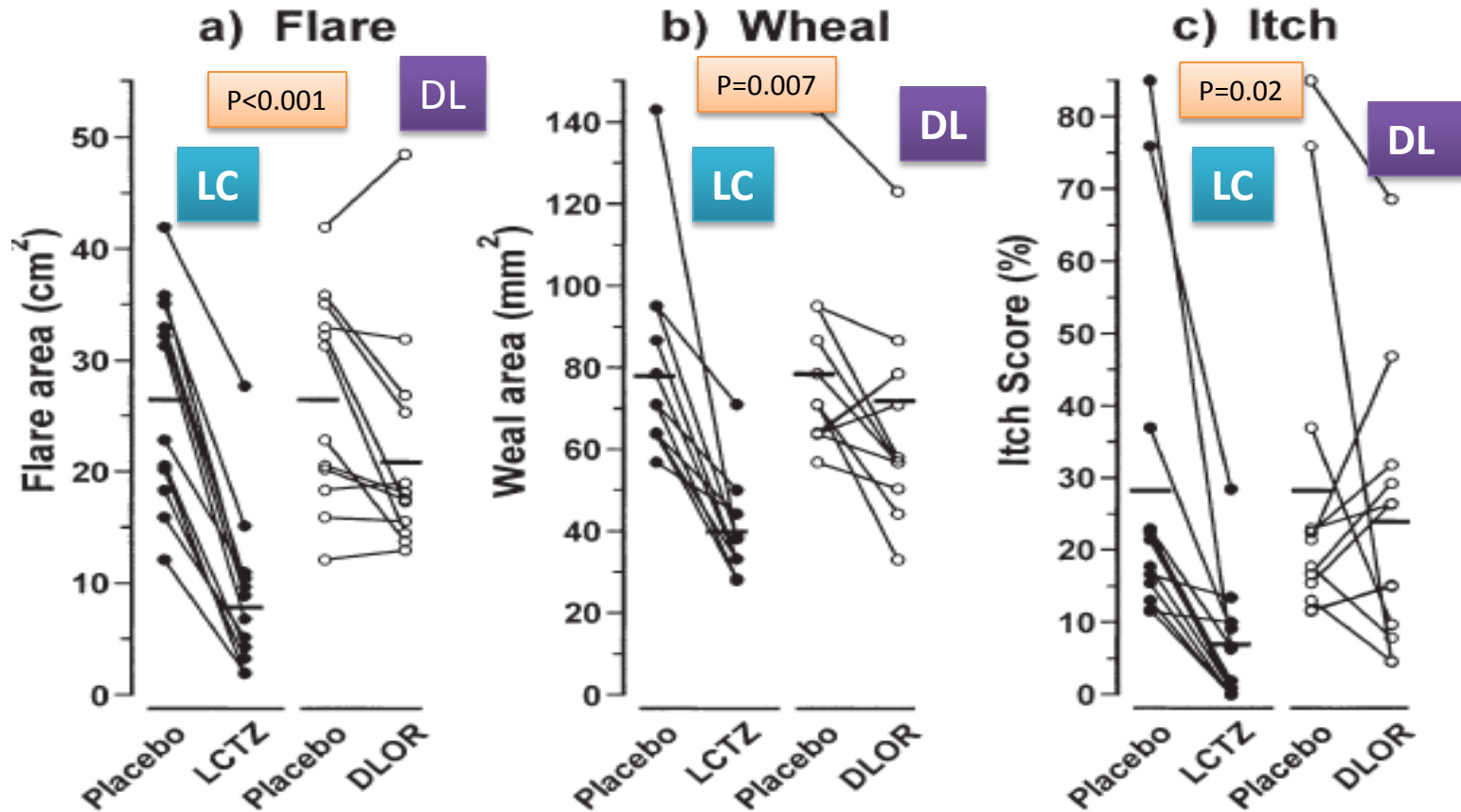
Histamine-induced Wheal Reduction

On antihistamines for 7 days, mean last dose taken =17 h



*Desloratadine was open-labeled

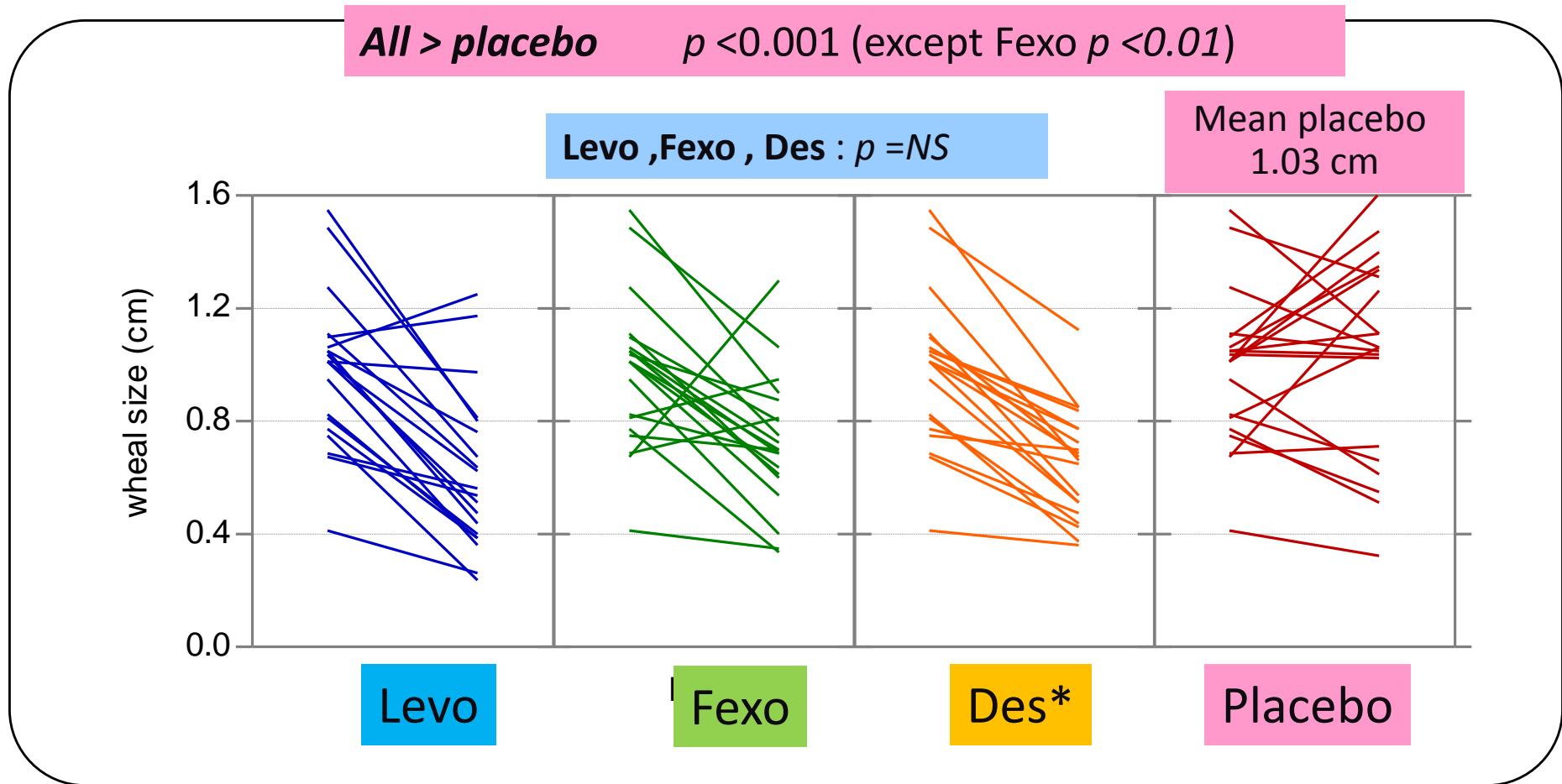
Comparisons on Histamine Skin test: Levocetirizine vs Desloratadine



ID : 20 μ l of 100 μ M histamine, 4 hr after taken H1 blockers

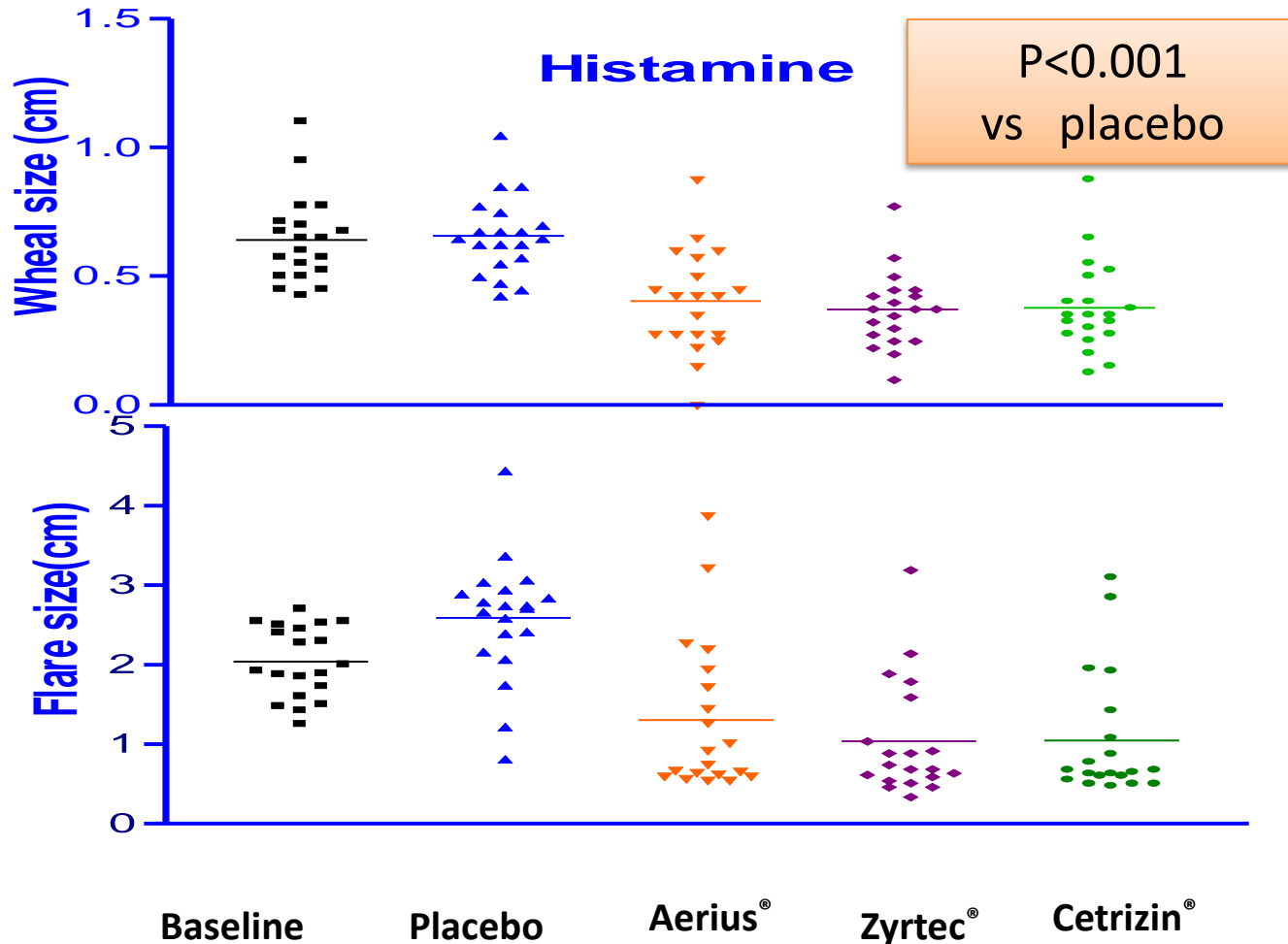
Allergen-induced Wheal Reduction

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Comparison of Generic cetirizine, Zyrtec, and Aeri^{us} on histamine skin test



Antihistamines Comparison in AR

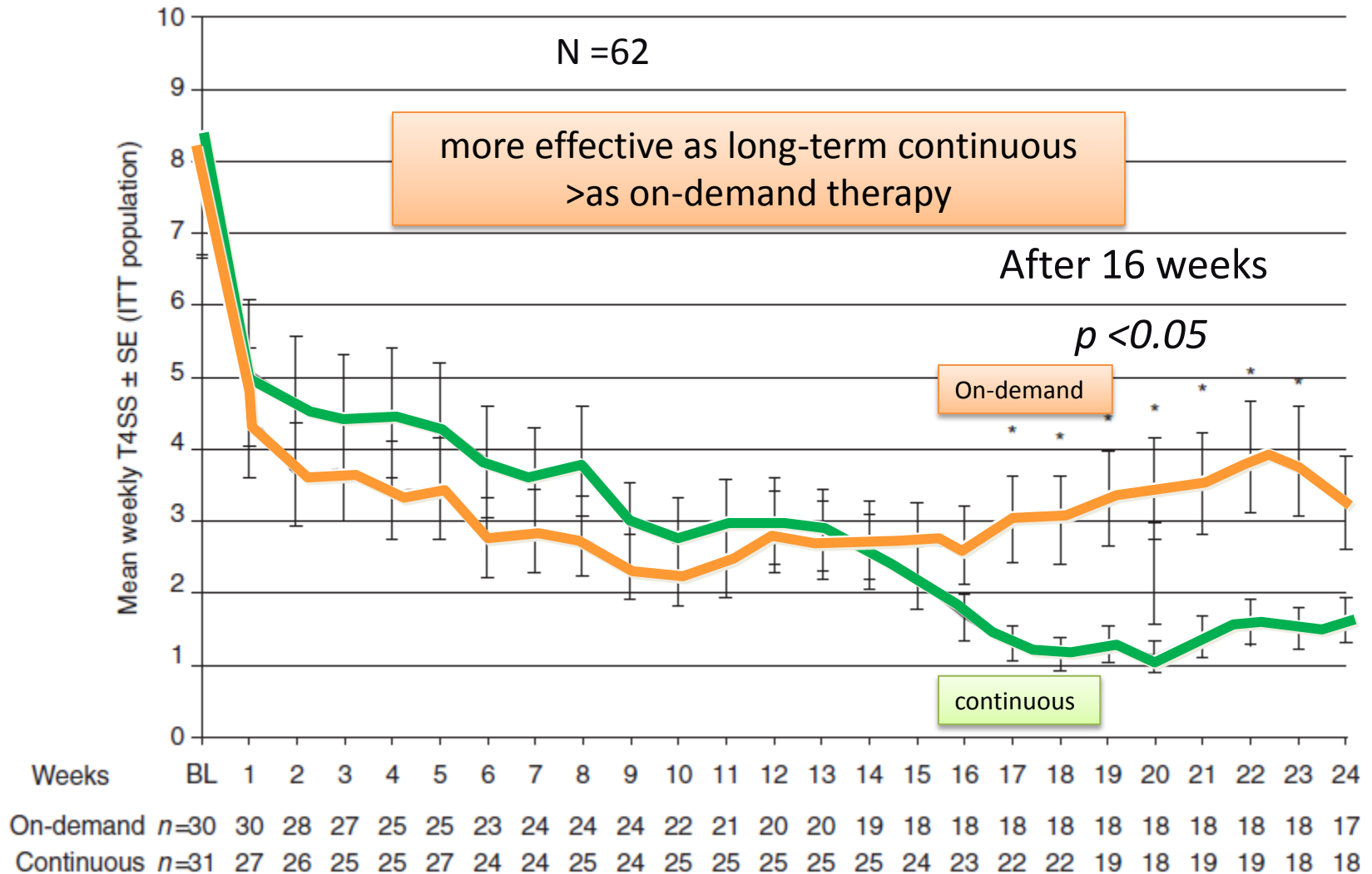
Author Year	Type of AR	Sample size	Results	p value
Day 2004	SAR	574	TSSC in 24 h: CET>FEX Stuffy noses : CET=FEX	p<0.001
Day 2004	SAR	373	LEV>DL	p=0.007
Day 2005	SAR	595	TSSC+ stuffy noses CET > FEX	p<0.01
Howarth 1999	SAR	821	FEX ,CET> placebo	p<0.01
van Cauwenberge 2000	SAR	688	FEX, LOR>placebo	p≤0.05
Berger 2006	SAR	722	DL , FEX> Placebo	p=0.013

Antihistamine treatment in Persistent Allergic Rhinitis

Continuous versus on-demand ?

Levocetirizine in PER: Continuous vs On-demand

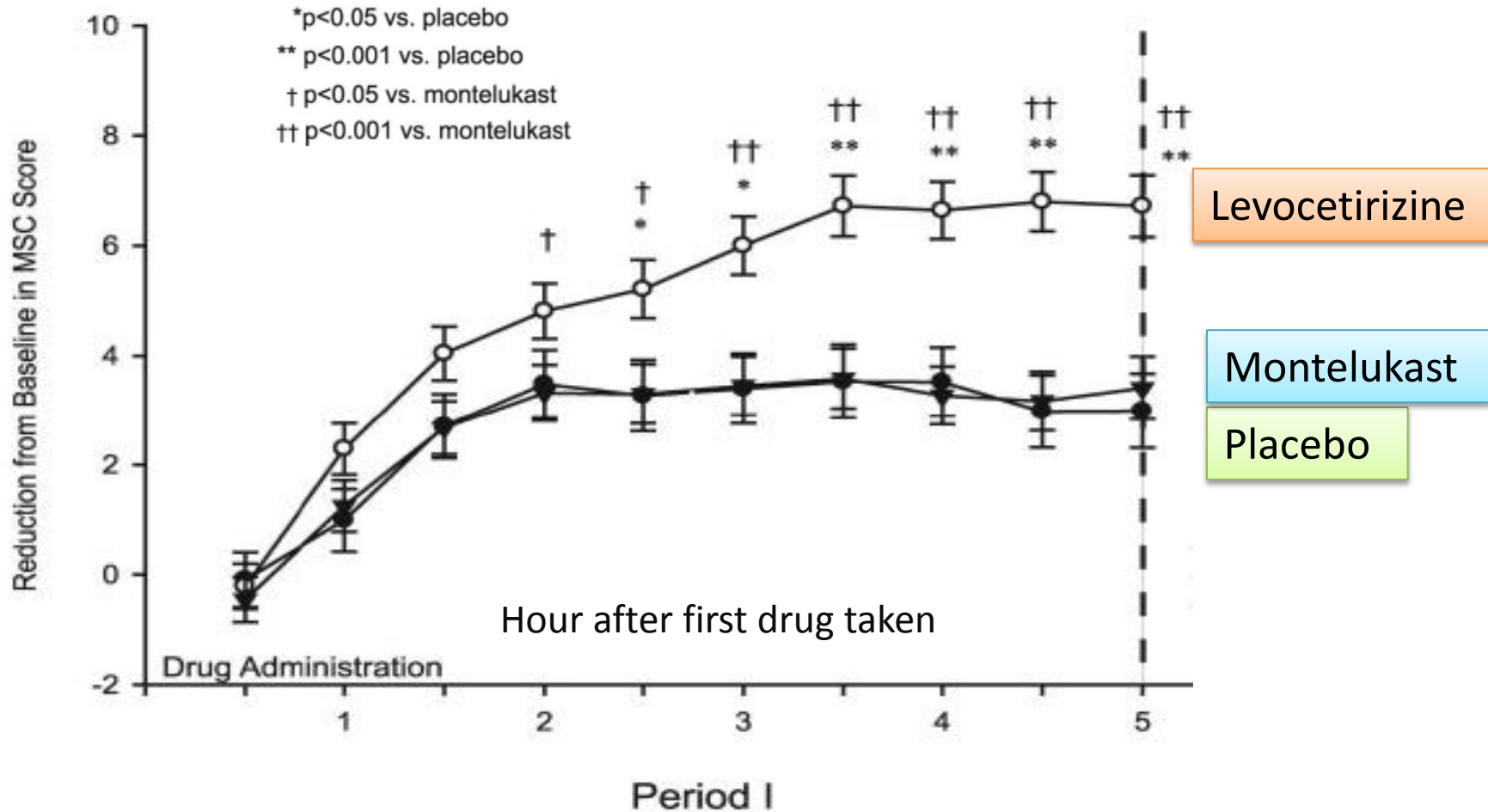
T4SS: sneezing, rhinorrhoea, nasal pruritus and ocular pruritus



Antihistamines *versus* **Montelukast**

Levocetirizine vs Montelukast in Ragweed AR DBPC trial (N=403)

Reduction of Major Symptom Complex from Baseline



Leukotriene receptor antagonists

A weak monotherapy for AR

“The effects of **leukotriene antagonists** are *modest and less predictable* than for intranasal steroids or antihistamines.”

A meta-analysis of 11 studies demonstrated that when compared to placebo the overall mean daily rhinitis symptom scores reduction is

- **5% by Antileukotrienes**
- 7% by Antihistamines
- 17% by Intranasal corticosteroids

Plaut M, Valentine M: Clinical practice:Allergic rhinitis. *N Engl J Med* 2005, 353(18):1934-44.

Wilson A, O'Byrne P, Parameswaran K: Leukotriene receptor antagonists for allergic rhinitis: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Am J Med* 2004, 116(5):338-44.

Middleton's Allergy 7th Ed. 2008

Oral Antihistamines: Somnolence/Drowsiness

H1 locker	Active	Placebo	Data Source
Desloratadine 5 mg qd	2.1%	1.8%	www.PDR.net
Fexofenadine 60 mg bid	1.3%	0.9%	www.PDR.net
Levocetirizine 5 mg qd	6.8%	1.8%	Bachert et al JACI 2004;114:838
Cetirizine 10 mg qd	13.7%	6.3%	www.PDR.net
Loratadine 10 mg qd	8%	6%	www.PDR.net
Rupatadine 10 mg qd	9.5%	3.4%	Mullol Allergy 2008: 63 : s5–28

All except fexofenadine cross blood brain barrier, therefore are dose-dependent associated with somnolence/drowsiness¹

First generation antihistamines and its *Side Effects:*

- Impaired alertness or performance
- Anxiety, confusion
- **Sedation**, perturbs the normal sleep cycle
- **Disequilibrium**
- Postural hypotension
- **Constipation**
- **Urinary retention**
- **Worsening of glaucoma**

Decongestants and its SEs

The most common side effects of oral form

- CNS stimulation : Nervousness, Insomnia
- Dizziness
- Cardiac stimulation : palpitations
- Hypertension
- Urinary retention
- Increase intraocular pressure in narrow angle glaucoma

Topical form: Rhinitis medicamentosa

NASAL STEROIDS



HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use NASACORT AQ Nasal Spray safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for NASACORT AQ.

Nasacort® AQ (triamcinolone acetonide)

Nasal Spray
For intranasal use only
Initial U.S. Approval: 1996

- Indications and Usage
- Dosage and Administration
- Contraindications
- Warnings and Precautions
- Adverse Reactions
- Drug Interactions
- Use in Specific Populations
- Clinical Studies
- How Supplied
- Patient Counseling Information

BECONASE AQ®

(beclomethasone dipropionate monohydrate)

Nasal Spray, 42 mcg/actuation

For Intranasal Use Only

DESCRIPTION

Beclomethasone dipropionate monohydrate Nasal Spray, is an anti-inflammatory corticosteroid. Its chemical structure is shown below:

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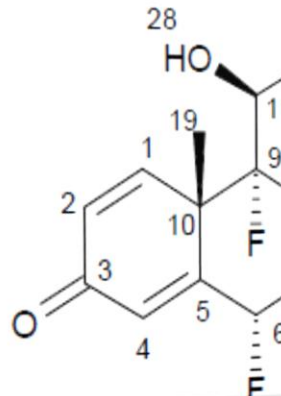
RHINO

(budesonide)

Nasal Spray

DESCRIPTION

Budesonide, the active ingredient in Rhinocort, is an anti-inflammatory corticosteroid. It is designated chemically as 11β,16β-dihydroxy-16α-methylpregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione cyclopentanecarboxylic acid. Budesonide is provided as a sodium salt. The empirical formula of the sodium salt is C₂₇H₃₅FO₆Na. Its structural formula is:

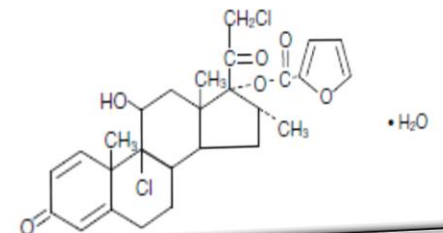


AVAMYS®

NASONEX®
(mometasone furoate monohydrate)
Nasal Spray, 50 mcg*
FOR INTRANASAL USE ONLY

*calculated on the anhydrous basis

DESCRIPTION Mometasone furoate monohydrate, the active component of NASONEX Nasal Spray, 50 mcg, is an anti-inflammatory corticosteroid having the chemical name, 9,21-Dichloro-11β,17-dihydroxy-16α-methylpregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione 17-(2 furoate) monohydrate, and the following chemical structure:

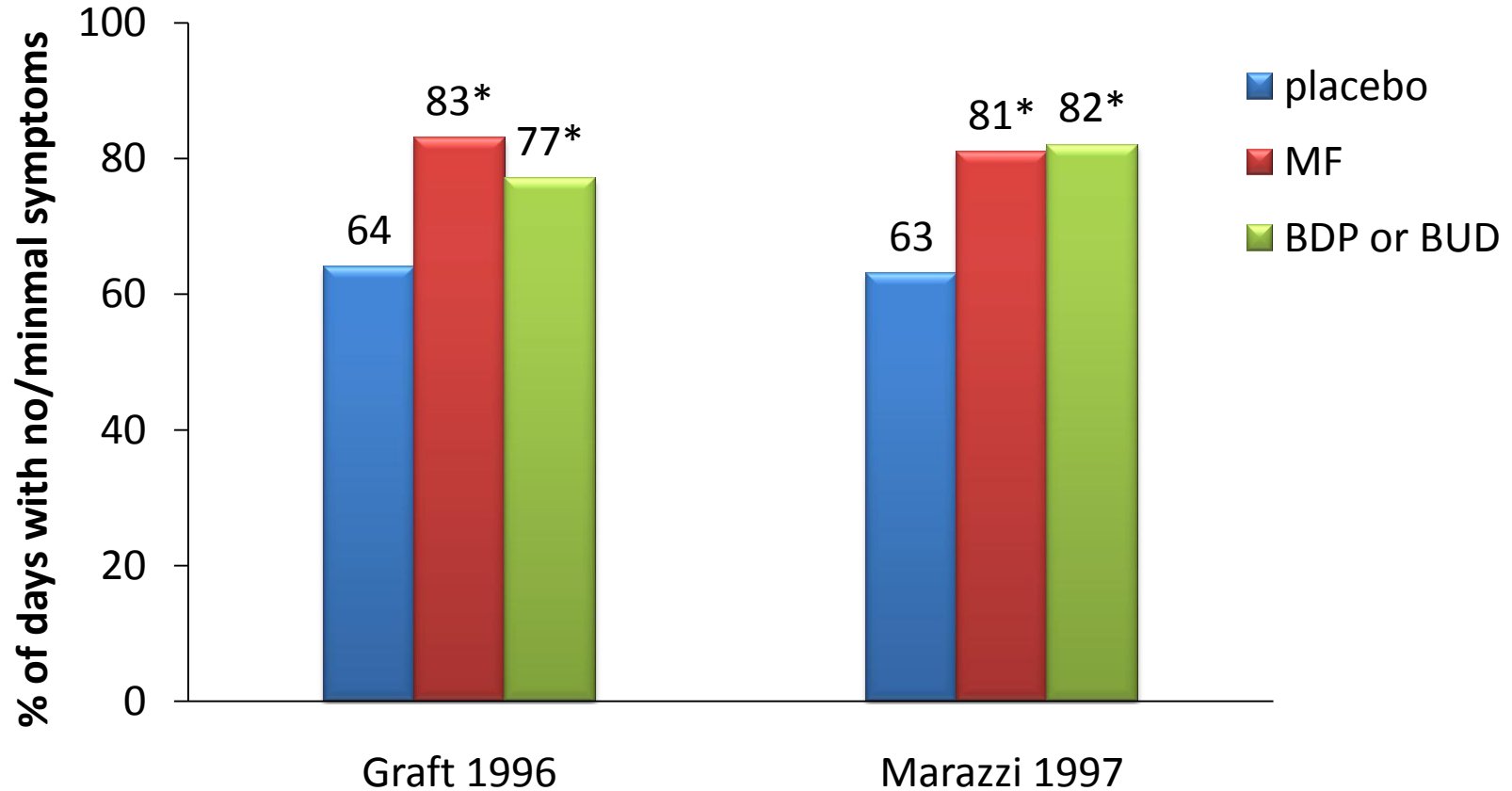


Nasal Steroids: Are they different ?

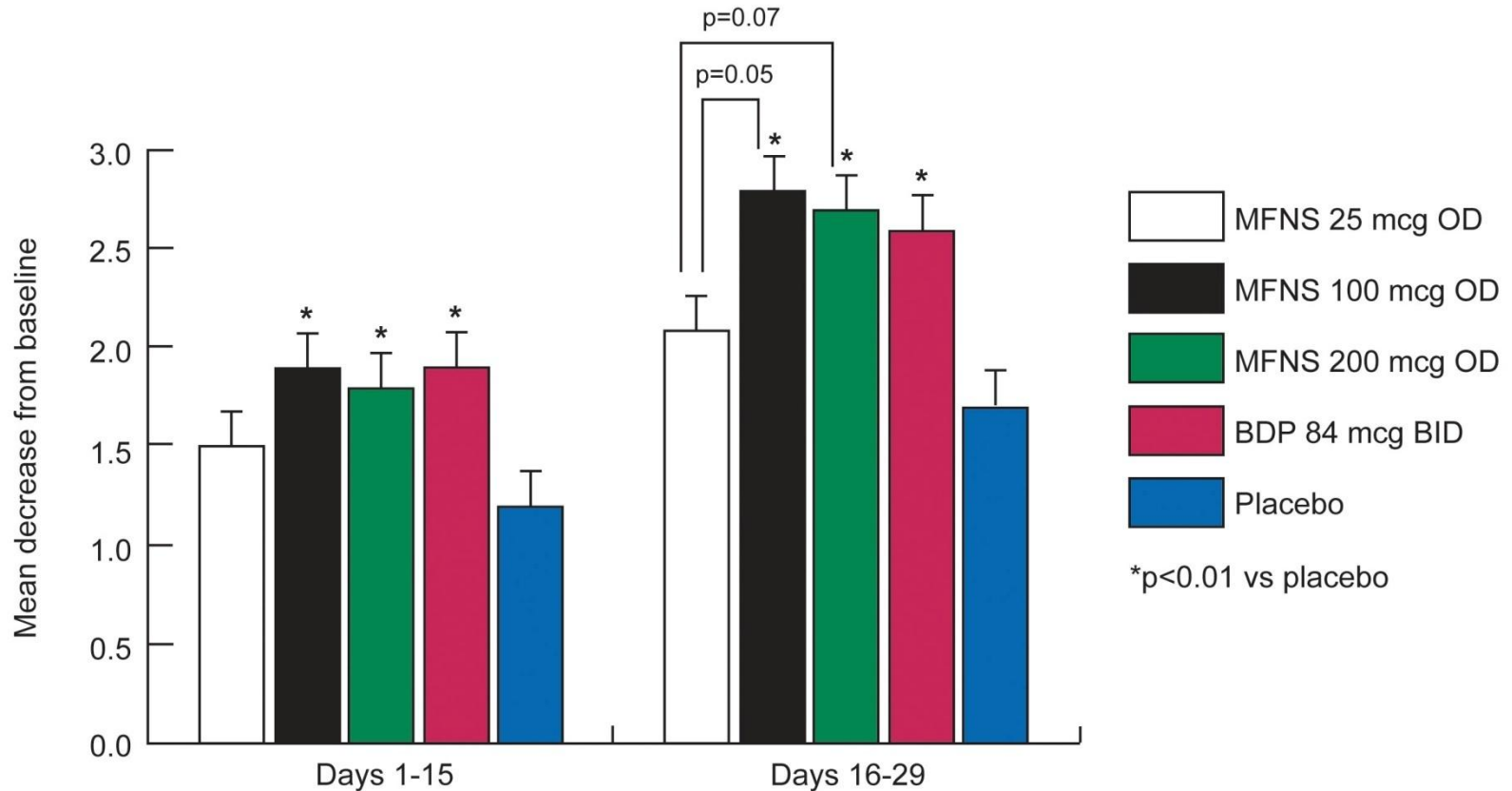


Pre-seasonal INCS Prophylaxis in SAR

(4-4 wks pre/during season)



Efficacy of INCS in children with allergic rhinitis and seasonal symptoms



A comparative review: INCS

- BANS (Bud Aq), FPNS, MFNS, and TANS have similar efficacy and safety profiles.
- Differences in sensory attributes,
- cost may contribute to better patient acceptance of one INS versus another.”

Patient's friendly and preference particularly for children/adolescents

Easy to use device



Nozzle is short and ergonomically designed

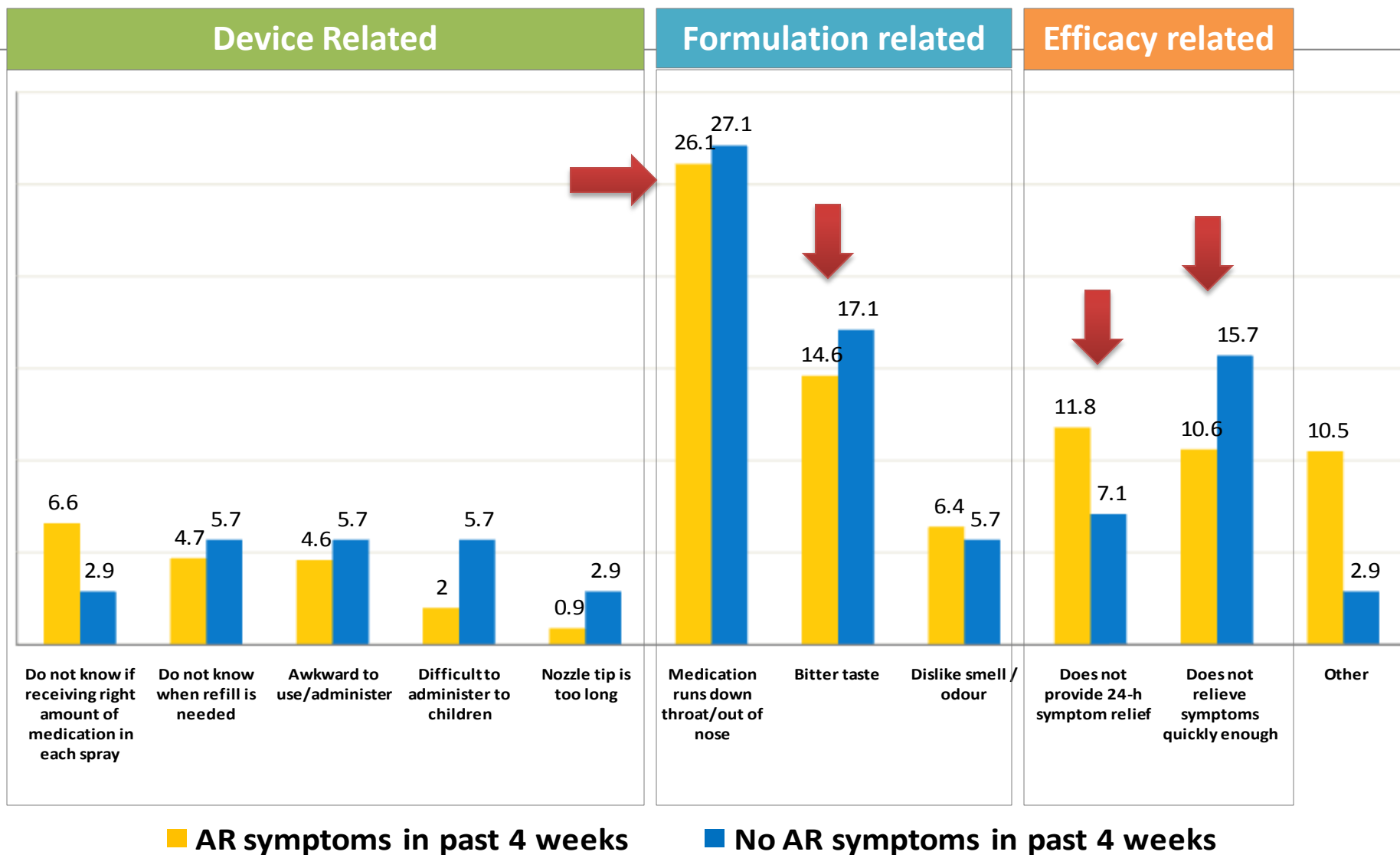
● **Comfortable for patients**

Easy to grip with side actuation

Viewing window

● **See how much is left**

The most likely reasons for stopping ICS use



Glucocorticoid doses per single spray and estimated volume

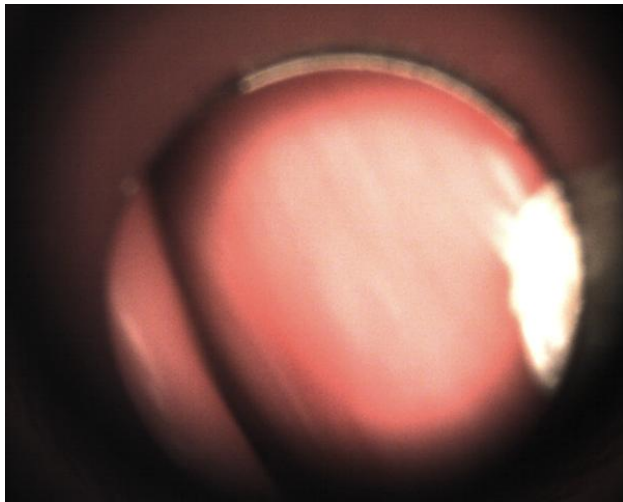
Compound	Dose per spray (µg)	Volume per spray (µL)	Sprays per nostril	Volume per application (µL)
Triamcinolone acetonide	55	60 ±0.4	1 qd	60
Budesonide	50	69 ±0.9	1 bid	69
Fluticasone propionate	50	147 ±1.7	1 qd	147
Mometasone furoate	50	102 ±1.9	1 qd	102
Fluticasone furoate	27.5	56 ±1.2	1 qd	56

- Any excess volume of an intranasally administered dose will be rapidly runoff or drip down the throat with subsequent swallowing. This translates into **loss of active drug** that is not available **to the target tissue**.
- It has been suggested that the volume applied into the nasal cavity **should not exceed 100 µL to 150 µL per nostril**.

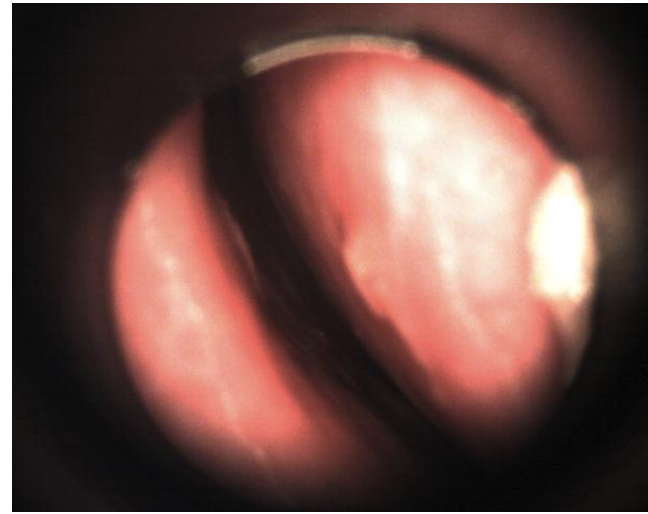
Generic name	Futicasone furoate (FF)	Beclo-methasone dipropionate	Fluticasone propionate (FP)	Budesonide (BUD)	Mometasone furoate (MF)	Triam-cinolone Acetonide
Company	GSK	GSK	GSK	AstraZeneca	MSD	Sanofi Aventis
Indications	1) Nasal symptom (SAR & PAR) 2) Ocular symptom (SAR)*	1) Prophylaxis and treatment of PAR & SAR 2) Vasomotor rhinitis.	Allergic Rhinitis (SAR & PAR)	1) Allergic Rhinitis (SAR & PAR) 2) Nasal polyp 3) Prevention of nasal polyp after polypectomy	1) Allergic Rhinitis (SAR + PAR) 2) Adjunctive Acute Rhinosinusitis 3) Nasal Polyp	Nasal symptom (SAR & PAR)
Prescribe age (TH)	≥ 2 years	≥ 6 years	≥ 4 years	≥ 6 years	≥ 3 years	≥ 2 years
Onset	8 hrs	3 days -3 weeks	12 hrs	4-48 hrs	12-72 hrs	24 hrs
บัญชียาหลัก NED	No	บัญชี ข	บัญชี ง	บัญชี ข	No	บัญชี ง

Why some of the **very well**
complied patients in using INCS **still**
failed to improve their AR symptoms
?

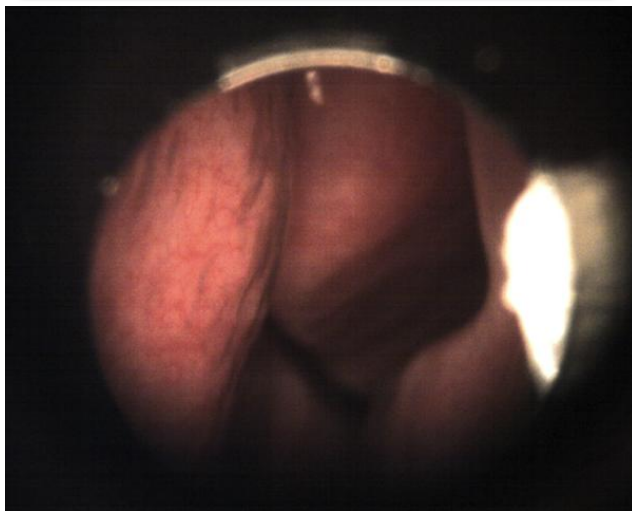
Pretreated finding



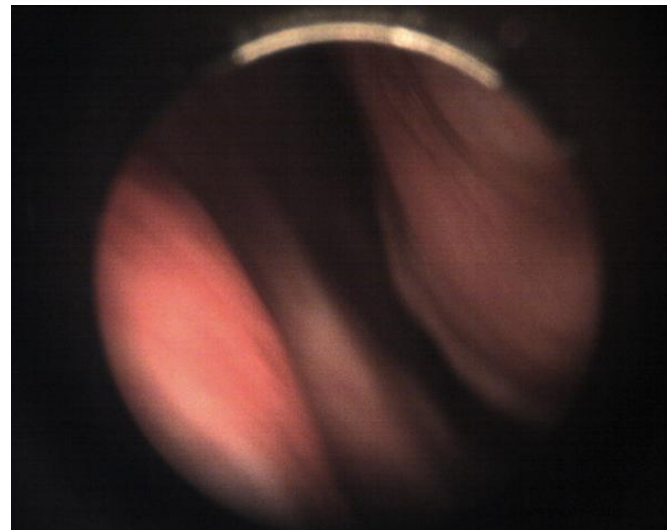
% NaCl spray



First decongestant spray



Second decongestant spray



Accessibility of the nasal corticosteroid into most parts of nasal mucosa is critical and is **depend mainly on the patency** of the nostrils

Oxymetazoline adds to the effectiveness of fluticasone furoate in the treatment of perennial allergic rhinitis

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Rational: Only 60% of AR respond to INCS, thus adjunct treatment option is needed

Design: DBPC 4 arms trial

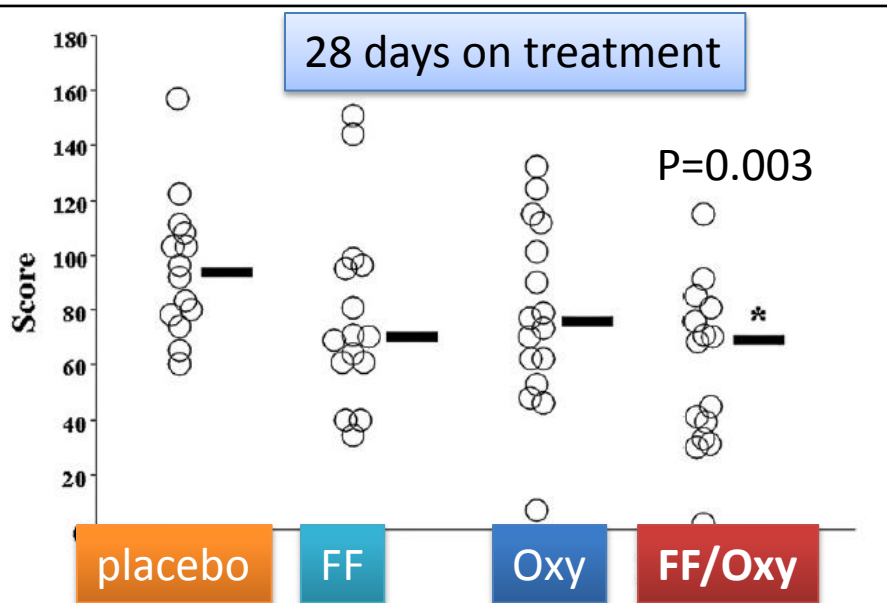
The 4 groups received the following treatments:

1. Placebo
2. OXY (0.05%, 2 puffs in each nostril every evening)
3. FF nasal spray (110 mg per day)
4. FF nasal spray plus OXY (FF/OXY)

Duration of treatment: 4 weeks

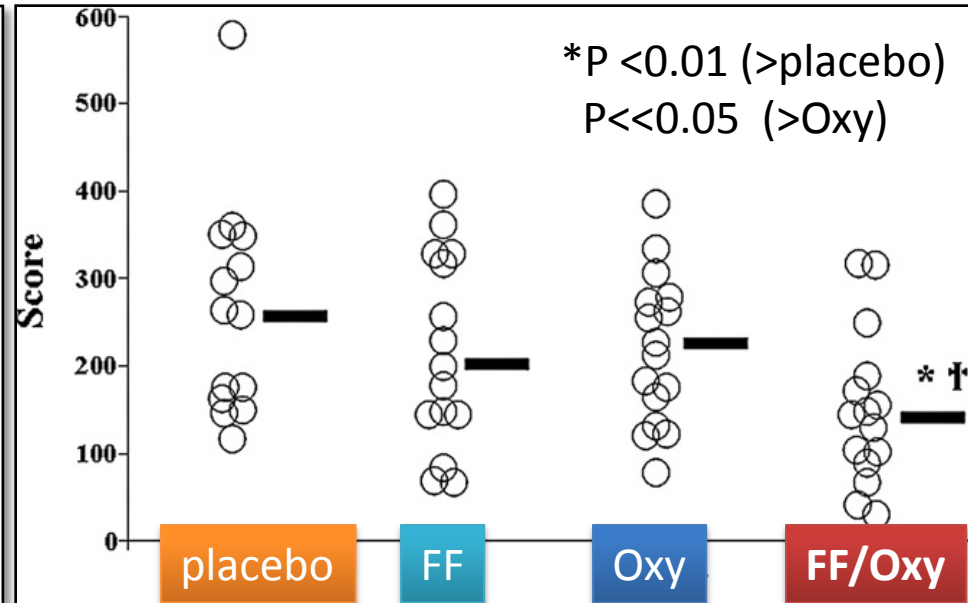
Plus 2 weeks post-treatment FU

FF nasal spray plus Oxymetazoline



Cumulative nasal congestion score for all 28 days of active therapy.

*P =.003 versus placebo.

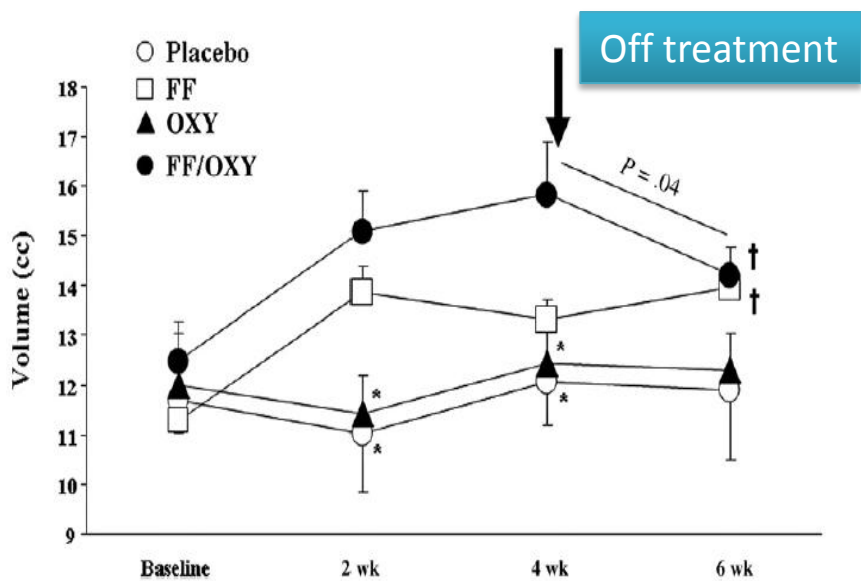


Cumulative total nasal symptom score for all 28 days of active therapy.

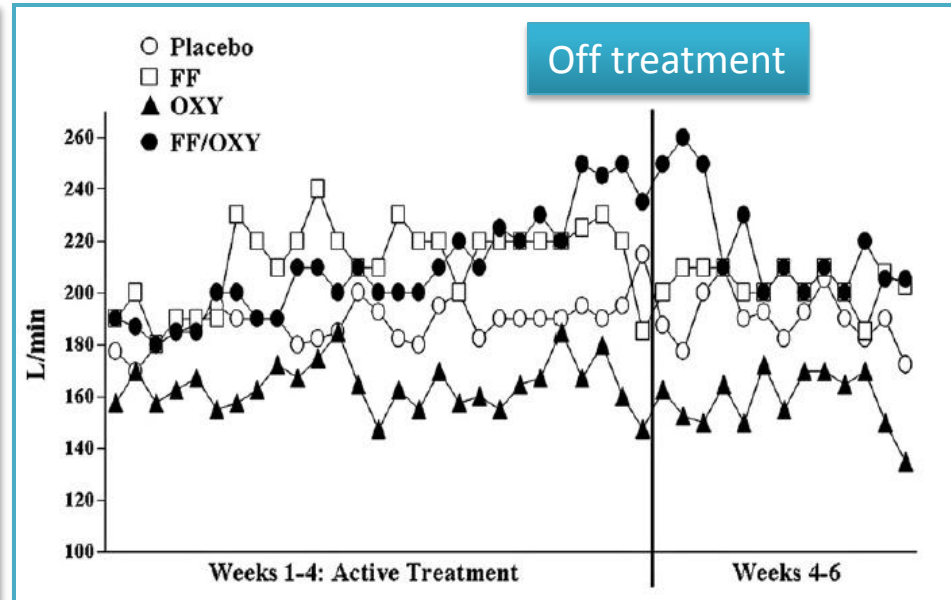
*P= .007 versus placebo. †P = .04 versus OXY.

• The **nasal congestion** and **total nasal symptom score** over the 4 weeks of treatment was lower with the combination compared with treatment with placebo and oxymetazoline alone.

FF nasal spray plus Oxymetazoline



Nasal volume as measured by acoustic rhinometry in mL.



NPIF (sum of AM and PM scores) in liters per minute

- **The combination of once-daily FF and oxymetazoline provides efficacy superior to that of FF without causing rhinitis medicamentosa.**

Evidences for AIT: SCIT vs SLIT

TABLE III. Experimental evidence for immunotherapy

	SCIT	SLIT
Clinical efficacy: rhinitis	Ib Ia	Ia Ia
Clinical efficacy: asthma	Ia Ia	Ia Ia
Clinical efficacy: children (rhinitis)	Ib	Ia Ia
Prevention of new sensitizations	Ib	IIa
Long-term effect	Ib	IIa
Prevention of asthma	Ib*	Ib*

Ia, Evidence from meta analysis of randomized controlled trials or from at least 1 randomized controlled trial; *IIa*, evidence from at least 1 controlled trial without randomization; *Iib*, evidence from at least 1 type of quasi-experimental trial; *III*, evidence from nonexperimental descriptive studies (comparative, correlation, case-control); *IV*, evidence from panels of experts or clinical experience or authorities.

*One single randomized open controlled trial. Strength of evidence according to Shekelle et al.¹⁴⁴



Take home messages

- Make sure that you have *the right diagnosis* and *the right treatment*
- **Severe AR** suffering our patients more than what we have been appreciated
- Digital anterior nasosope is a essential tool for both Dx and for convincing our patients to be more compliance
- A right topical medicine “INCS”, *if it couldn't reach the affected nasal mucosa effectively*, regular use may not result to a treatment success! Thus for patients with severe nasal obstruction, initial use of INCS in combination with topical decongestant is useful.



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