

Allergic Rhinitis Environmental Control Measures to Reduce Allergen Levels and Symptoms

Environmental Control Measure	Evidence Supports Reduction in Allergen Level		Evidence Supports Reduction in Symptoms	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Removal of pets	X		X	
Washing pets twice a week	X			X
Acaricides to kill dust mites	X		X	
Impermeable covers for bedding	X			X
Air filtration	X			X
Combined use of multiple control measures	X		X	

Table 8 Environmental Control Measures to Reduce Allergen Levels and Symptoms from Clinical Practice Guideline: Allergic Rhinitis

SOURCE: Seidman, MD, Gurgel, RK, Lin, SY, et al. Clinical Practice Guideline: Allergic Rhinitis. *Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg.* 2015; 152(1S):S1-S43

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