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Bio

BIO

Dr. Michelle Huffaker is a board-certified, fellowship-trained allergist and immunologist with Stanford Health Care. She is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Dr. Huffaker specializes in diagnosing and treating allergies and health conditions that affect the immune system. She is particularly interested in asthma, food allergies, and allergic rhinitis.

Dr. Huffaker's research is focused on treatments that achieve long-lasting remission for allergic and immunologic diseases, such as food allergies and allergic rhinitis. Dr. Huffaker is the director of clinical and translational medicine for the allergy portfolio of the Immune Tolerance Network (ITN), a clinical research consortium funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). The ITN focuses on achieving immune tolerance in conditions where the body attacks healthy cells (immune-mediated diseases). Dr. Huffaker leads the development, conduct, and analysis of ITN clinical trials.

Dr. Huffaker has published her research in peer-reviewed journals, such as Allergy, The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, and World Allergy Organization Journal. She has presented to her peers at international, national, and regional meetings, including those of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI), the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI), and the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (ACAAI).

Dr. Huffaker is a fellow of AAAAI and a member of AAAAI, EAACI, and the Western Society of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Allergy and Immunology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Medicine - Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- John E. Thayer Award, Harvard Medical School
- Resident and Fellow Recognition Award, Harvard Medical School
- Top Tier Reviewer, The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice Editorial Board

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Vice President and Program Chair, Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Foundation of Northern California (2026 - present)
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice (2026 - present)
- Board Member, Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Foundation of Northern California (2023 - present)
- Fellow, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI) (2023 - present)
- Member, European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (2022 - present)
- Member, Western Society of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (2018 - present)
- Member, American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (2015 - present)
- Member, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI) (2015 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Allergy and Immunology, American Board of Allergy and Immunology (2017)
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (2014)
- Fellowship: Stanford University Allergy and Immunology Fellowship (2017) CA
- Residency: Brigham and Women's Hospital Internal Medicine Residency (2014) MA
- Medical Education: Harvard Medical School (2011) MA

LINKS

- Immune Tolerance Network: https://www.immunetolerance.org/

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Efficacy of Tezepelumab in Peanut Oral Immunotherapy, Recruiting
- Follow up of LEAP Participants and Their Families, Not Recruiting
- Grass Pollen Immunotherapy Plus Dupilumab for Tolerance Induction, Not Recruiting
- Peanut Oral Immunotherapy in Children, Not Recruiting

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Comorbid Food and Aeroallergen Sensitization Does Not Affect Peanut Oral Immunotherapy Outcomes in Young Children**
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- **Novel Weekly Combined Symptom Medication Score to Assess Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis Burden and Efficacy of Immunotherapy**
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- **Durable Clinical Efficacy of Grass Pollen Sublingual Tablet Immunotherapy in Combination with Dupilumab in Adults with Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis**
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- **Dosing Reactions and Missed Doses Affect Peanut Oral Immunotherapy Outcomes.** *The journal of allergy and clinical immunology. In practice*
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