

# ALLERGY LADDERS: THE STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR EGG

## The Golden Rules of Ladders

**Rule 1: Once you start the ladder, don't stop the ladder.**

- You can't outgrow the allergy without including the allergen.
- When your child reacts to an allergen, don't stop the ladder. Instead, pause and go back to the previously tolerated step.
- If you stop the ladder entirely, your child loses the ground already made.

**Rule 2: The ladder is compounding, it's not one step at a time.**

- Once your child tolerates a step, that food can now be added to the diet liberally (min. twice per wk) - eg when you pass step 1, include the allergen twice that week of commencing step 2.
- By the time you reach the top of the ladder, you've slowly increased the load of the allergen in the diet.
- If you do the ladder one step at a time, the child's body will become overwhelmed from all the changes at once.
- By gradually building on tolerance, your child gets used to a steady build of that allergen in the diet.

## What If My Child Fails

- Failure is when your child reacts like previously - eg blood in stool, mucous, eczema, congestion, loose poos, constipation.
- Failing is inevitable and it's a part of the process.
- When they fail a step, pause on the ladder and go back to the previously tolerated level for 2 months.
- If you reacted on ½ a portion step 2, pause for 2 months including ¼ portion step 2, and full portion step 1 twice per week.
- Eg - if you reacted to 1 sausage, pause and include either/or baked egg and ½ sausage for 2 months (min. of twice per wk).

# The Steps of the Egg Ladder

<b>STEP 5: MAYO</b>	1/4 portion for 3 days	1/2 portion for 3 days	Full portion for 3 days
<i>+ BAKED EGG FOOD/MEAT/HARD BOILED EGG/SCRAMBLED EGG twice this week. Top tip - give scrambled egg.</i>			
<b>STEP 4: SCRAMBLED EGG</b>	1/4 portion for 3 days	1/2 portion for 3 days	Full portion for 3 days
<i>+ BAKED EGG FOOD/MEAT/HARD BOILED EGG twice this week. Top tip - give hard boiled egg.</i>			
<b>STEP 3: HARD BOILED EGG</b>	1/4 portion for 3 days	1/2 portion for 3 days	Full portion for 3 days
<i>+ BAKED EGG FOOD/MEAT twice this week. Top tip - give egg in meat food.</i>			
<b>STEP 2: EGG IN MEAT</b>	1/4 portion for 3 days	1/2 portion for 3 days	Full portion for 3 days
<i>+ BAKED EGG FOOD twice this week. Eg - burger, sausage (or vegetarian alternative)</i>			
<b>STEP 1: BAKED EGG</b>	1/4 portion for 3 days	1/2 portion for 3 days	Full portion for 3 days
<b>Eg - cake, muffin, banana bread, 40g egg pasta</b> <i>*For multiple allergies, find alternatives on Coles/Woolworths website eg soy &amp; milk-free baked good, cooked meat, mayo</i>			