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Developing Allergies Research from Johns Hopkins Children's Center suggests that preservatives and antibacterials found in hygiene products such as toothpaste, mouthwash, and soap enter a child's system and affect the immune system, making the child more prone to the development of environmental and food allergies. In the study published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in June 2012, urine samples were analyzed and levels of antibacterials were compared to the preservatives used in personal hygiene items. A link was discovered between the amount of exposure and the risk for allergies. It is suggested that children who have limited exposure to childhood pathogens are more likely to react to harmless proteins, pollen, and pet dander.

If you're concerned about an allergic reaction your child may be experiencing, consult with an allergy specialist. Let a medical professional evaluate your child's symptoms at THE WILLIAM STORMS ALLERGY CLINIC. Call 719-955-6000 to arrange for an appointment. Here at 1625 Medical Center Point, Suite 190, we recognize and stress the importance of preventative medicine and patient education.

P.S. The belief that a child's immune system is compromised by the introduction of excessive antibacterials is referred to as the "hygiene hypothesis."