

My name is Evan Hamilton and I am a patient who uses Xolair. I am 16, and I attend [a Portland high school].

Paranoid, scared, cautious, and anxious. These words described how I felt every time I went to eat at a new restaurant. Although this might sound like an overreaction because people like me, people with allergies, have heard the phrase, "they're just allergies, they can't be that serious" so many times through out our lives but they have never experienced the late nights in the emergency room, or being rushed in an ambulance to a hospital after eating something your allergic to. This is why I use Xolair. Xolair acts as a buffer, which means if I accidentally consume a cashew it's not another sleepless night in an emergency room bed, I would just take a little bit of Benadryl and carry on with my day or night. Xolair has been a relief to me and my family and I hope in the future it can be accessible to other families.

Thank you for reading my statement.