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Golfers Can Stop Getting Teed Off By Seasonal Allergy Symptoms

(NAPSA)—For many PGA TOUR members, their fans and other golfers, seasonal allergy symptoms are nothing to sneeze at.

Seasonal allergies affect more than 35 million Americans and for those who are golfers and golf enthusiasts, being on the course can trigger seasonal allergy symptoms since golf courses are full of allergens such as grass and trees pollens.

“A bad spring allergy season may be in store for us, due in large part to the mild winter,” predicted Brett Stanaland, M.D., Assistant Professor at University of South Florida and Director of the Allergy-Asthma and Immunology Specialist Practice. “It is important for golfers to be prepared, since seasonal allergy symptoms can leave them worn down and can cause distractions on the course.”

Seasonal allergy symptoms can include:

- Itchy, watery, red eyes
- Sneezing
- Runny nose
- Itchy nose/mouth or throat

A recent PGA TOUR informal poll found that the most common symptoms experienced by respondents were itchy, watery eyes and



sneezing. Many TOUR members say they suffer from these seasonal allergy symptoms that may affect their concentration, sharpness of their swing and ability to read putts. To treat these symptoms, some TOUR members have reported taking medications that have left them feeling drowsy or impaired, which may have affected their game.

There are many options for treating seasonal allergy symptoms, including non-sedating antihistamines like Allegra® (fexofenadine HCl) 180 mg once daily. Golfers and golf enthusiasts who suffer from seasonal allergies should talk to their physicians

about treatment options. Allegra once daily can help reduce the symptoms associated with seasonal allergies such as those experienced on a golf course. In addition, Allegra has just been named the “Official Allergy Medication of the 2002 PGA TOUR.”

“To compete and do well on the tour, you need to be in control of your game and your body,” said Steve Elkington, ten-time tour winner and well-known seasonal allergy sufferer. “Seasonal allergies can diminish your concentration.”

Allegra 180 mg once daily is a powerful, safe and effective non-sedating antihistamine for the treatment of seasonal allergy symptoms in patients 12 years and older. Side effects with Allegra 180 mg for seasonal allergies are low and may include headache, cold or back pain. Allegra is available by prescription only, and seasonal allergy sufferers should consult their physician or healthcare professional with questions.

Full prescribing information is available by visiting Aventis Pharmaceuticals’ U.S. Web site at www.aventispharma-us.com or www.allegra.com. You can also visit the PGA TOUR online at www.pgatour.com.