



QUESTIONS to EVALUATE YOUR PENICILLIN or PENICILLIN-LIKE ALLERGY

You have stated that you have a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy. It is now recommended by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology that all adults with a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy have an allergy evaluation proactively. More than 95% of patients labeled as penicillin or penicillin-like allergic are not actually allergic and 80% of people lose their allergy after 10 years.

This questionnaire will help us determine if you can safely receive a penicillin or penicillin-like antibiotic.

1. There are 4 sections to determine your penicillin allergy type.
2. Please answer each question by choosing YES or NO
3. Name of allergic antibiotic _____ or fill in "Unknown"

THIS WILL DETERMINE IF YOU HAVE A RARE SEVERE DELAYED ALLERGY.

Step 1

Do you have a history of ANY of the following reactions after taking an antibiotic? **THE REACTION MAY HAVE OCCURRED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY OR UP TO SEVERAL WEEKS** after taking the antibiotic. Please check "Yes" or "No" (or circle Yes or No if printed out). (Titles below are for health care provider use)

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| • Rash devoping into blisters all over your body | YES | NO |
| • Mouth sores | YES | NO |
| • Redness of the eyes | YES | NO |

2. DRESS

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| • Rash all over your body followed by peeling of the skin | YES | NO |
| • Rash with mouth sores, swollen glands, liver or kidney problems | YES | NO |

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| 3. | <u>AGEP</u> | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapidly spreading, pin-sized pus-filled, blister-like sores all over your body | YES | NO |
| 4. | <u>SSLR</u> | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rash and joint pains | YES | NO |
| 5. | <u>VASCULITIS</u> | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purple rash with kidney or lung damage | YES | NO |
| 6. | <u>ORGAN SPECIFIC</u> | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damage to liver, kidneys or blood count | YES | NO |

If **“YES”** to any question(s),

Patient: You are **SEVERELY ALLERGIC** to penicillin and any of the penicillin-like antibiotics.

You should not take any penicillin or penicillin-like antibiotics until you are evaluated by your healthcare provider.

****YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.****

Provider:

- Do not prescribe a penicillin or cephalosporin
- Refer to an allergist

If **“NO”** go to **Step 2.**

THIS WILL DETERMINE IF YOU HAVE A SEVERE IMMEDIATE ALLERGY.

Step 2

Do you have a history of any of the following reactions occurring less than 6 hours after taking an antibiotic?

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| • | Sudden onset of shortness of breath, wheezing, cough or high-pitched whistling sound while taking a deep breath | YES | NO |
| • | Passed out | YES | NO |
| • | Total body rash with welts that itch | YES | NO |
| • | Swollen lips, tongue or throat tightness | YES | NO |
| • | Abdominal pain or vomiting | YES | NO |

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****YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.****

Provider:

- Do not prescribe a penicillin or cephalosporin
- Refer to an allergist

If **“NO”** go to **Step 3.**

THIS WILL DETERMINE IF YOU ARE NOT ALLERGIC BUT HAD A COMMON SIDE EFFECT FROM THE ANTIBIOTIC.

Step 3

Have you had any of the following **NON ALLERGIC** reactions to an antibiotic?

• Headache	YES	NO
• Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting or abdominal pain	YES	NO
• Flat rash without welts	YES	NO
• Itching without a rash	YES	NO
• Do you have a family history of penicillin allergy	YES	NO
• I don't know or forgot	YES	NO

If **“YES”** to any question(s),

Patient: You are **NOT ALLERGIC** to penicillin and any of the penicillin-like antibiotics.

****YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.****

Provider:

- Patient can receive a penicillin or cephalosporin

If **“NO”** go to **Step 4.**

**THIS WILL DETERMINE IF YOU HAVE A DELAYED
(NON-SEVERE) ALLERGY AND ARE AT A LOW RISK
FOR TAKING THE ANTIBIOTIC.**

Step 4

Since your antibiotic reaction, have you taken any of the following antibiotics without any reaction?

Ampicillin	YES	NO
Amoxicillin	YES	NO
Amoxicillin/Clavulanate (Augmentin)	YES	NO
Cephalexin (Keflex)	YES	NO
Cefadroxil (Duricef)	YES	NO
Cefuroxime (Ceftin)	YES	NO
Cefaclor (Ceclor)	YES	NO
Cefixime (Suprax)	YES	NO
Ceftriaxone (Rocephin)	YES	NO
Penicillin - oral, injection	YES	NO
Cefdinir (Omnicef)	YES	NO

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****YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.****

Provider: • Patient can receive a penicillin or cephalosporin

If **“NO” or Unknown** go to **Step 5.**

Step 5

Has the time since the reaction been **greater than 5 years or unknown?** YES NO

If “YES”,

Patient: You most likely do not have a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy or have outgrown it. You need to check with your healthcare provider and should not take this type of antibiotic until you are evaluated.

****YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.****

Provider: Administer an **amoxacillin** challenge.

If “NO” or Unknown go to Step 6.

Step 6

Did the reaction occur **greater than 6 hours** after you received the antibiotic? YES NO

If “YES”,

Patient: You most likely do not have a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy or have outgrown it. You need to check with your healthcare provider and should not take this type of antibiotic until you are evaluated.

Provider: Administer an **amoxacillin** challenge.

If “NO”,

Patient: You are **SEVERELY ALLERGIC** to penicillin and any of the penicillin-like antibiotics.

You should not take any penicillin or penicillin-like antibiotics until you are evaluated by your healthcare provider.

Provider:

- Do not prescribe a penicillin or cephalosporin
- Refer to an allergist