



QUESTIONS to EVALUATE YOUR CHILD'S PENICILLIN or PENICILLIN-LIKE ALLERGY

You have stated that your child has a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy. It is now recommended by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology that all children 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 your child can safely receive a penicillin or penicillin-like antibiotic.

1. There are 4 sections to determine your child's 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 YOUR CHILD HAS A RARE SEVERE DELAYED ALLERGY.

Step 1

Does your child 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)

1. SJS/TEN

• Rash devoping into blisters all over your child's body	YES	NO
• Mouth sores	YES	NO
• Redness of the eyes	YES	NO
2. DRESS

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

3.	<u>AGEP</u>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapidly spreading, pin-sized pus-filled, blister-like sores all over your child's 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: Your child is **SEVERELY ALLERGIC** to penicillin and any of the penicillin-like antibiotics.

Your child should not take any penicillin or penicillin-like antibiotics until you are evaluated by your child's 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

Does your child have a history of any of the following reactions after taking an antibiotic?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sudden onset of shortness of breath, wheezing, cough or high-pitched whistling sound while taking a deep breath 	YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed out 	YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total body rash with welts that itch 	YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swollen lips, tongue or throat tightness 	YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 YOUR CHILD IS NOT ALLERGIC,
NOT ALLERGIC , BUT HAD A COMMON SIDE AFFECT FROM
THE ANTIBIOTIC.**

Step 3

Has your child 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
• Does your child have a family history of penicillin allergy	YES	NO
• I don’t know or forgot	YES	NO

If “YES” to any question(s),

Patient: Your child is **NOT ALLERGIC** to penicillin and any of the penicillin-like antibiotics.

****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 **Step4.**

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

Step 4

Since your child's antibiotic reaction, has your child 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

If “YES” to any question(s),

Patient: Your child is NOT ALLERGIC to penicillin and any of the penicillin-like antibiotics.

****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 5.**

Step 5

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

If “YES”,

Patient: Your child most likely does not have a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy or has outgrown it. You need to check with your child’s healthcare provider and should not take this type of antibiotic until your child is evaluated.

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

Provider: Administer an **amoxicillin** challenge.

If “NO” go to **Step 6.**

Step 6

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

If “YES”,

Patient: your child most likely does not have a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy or has outgrown it. You need to check with your child’s healthcare provider and should not take this type of antibiotic until your child is evaluated.

Provider: Administer an **amoxicillin** challenge.

If “NO”, your child is **SEVERELY ALLERGIC** to penicillin and any of the penicillin-like antibiotics

Your child should not take any penicillin or penicillin-like antibiotics until your child is evaluated by your child’s healthcare provider.

Provider:

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