



QUESTIONS to EVALUATE YOUR PENICILLIN or PENICILLIN-LIKE ALLERGY

You have stated that you have a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy. You will be receiving an antibiotic called cefazolin which is a penicillin-like antibiotic during your surgery to prevent infection after your surgery. It is now recommended by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology that all adults and children with a penicillin or penicillin-like allergy have an allergy evaluation proactively. More than 95% of patients labeled as penicillin 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 the penicillin-like antibiotic, cefazolin, during your surgery. It is intended only to determine your allergy to this antibiotic. You should contact your healthcare provider for evaluation of your allergy to other penicillins or penicillin-like antibiotics.

1. There are 2 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 an antibiotic? The reaction may have occurred almost immediately or up to several weeks after taking the antibiotic.

Please check "YES" or "NO"

Rash all over your body	YES	NO
• Blisters	YES	NO
• Welts with itching	YES	NO
• Pus-filled	YES	NO
• Skin peeling	YES	NO
• Purple color	YES	NO

Mouth sores	YES	NO
Redness of eyes	YES	NO
Joint pains	YES	NO
Liver problems	YES	NO
Kidney problems	YES	NO

If **“YES”**, to any question(s),

Patient: You are **SEVERELY ALLERGIC** to penicillin and any of the penicillin-like antibiotics and **you will not receive cefazolin** . An alternative antibiotic will be given.

****STOP - You do not need to answer any other questions.****

Provider: • Avoid cephalosporin

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 within 6 hours after taking an antibiotic?

• Sudden onset of shortness of breath, wheezing, cough or high-pitched whistling sound while taking a 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

If **“YES”** to any question(s), go to **Step 3.**

Step 3

Was the antibiotic cefazolin?

YES

NO/Unknown

If “YES”,

Patient: You will not receive cefazolin. An alternative antibiotic will be given.

Provider: Avoid cefazolin.

If “NO”,

Patient: You will receive cefazolin.

Provider: Administer cefazolin.