

Penicillin allergy assessment result (oral challenge): No penicillin allergy

Your assessment result

After completing your oral penicillin challenge, the result shows that you **DO NOT** have an allergy to penicillin.

You were given a penicillin antibiotic as a test, and you did not have an allergic reaction.

This means it is safe for you to take penicillin in future, and the penicillin allergy label can now be safely removed from your medical records.

What does this mean for me?

This is good news as it means that if you ever need treatment for an infection, you can receive antibiotics which contain penicillin.

Examples include:

- Penicillin
- Amoxicillin
- Flucloxacillin
- Co-amoxiclav.

If you had mild side effects after taking penicillin in the past, like feeling sick, please let your doctor know. They can help manage any side effects, so you feel more comfortable.

What should I do?

- You can now safely take penicillin antibiotics when prescribed for an infection.
- You no longer need to tell doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals that you have an allergy to penicillin.
- Tell healthcare professionals about any other allergies you may have.

What happens next?

Your penicillin allergy label will now be removed from your hospital healthcare records and we will send a letter to your GP so they can update their records too.

Most people have no further problems after a negative oral penicillin challenge. If you develop any new symptoms in the days after your test, such as a rash, please contact your GP, NHS 24 or the hospital team for advice.

Questions?

Please speak to a member of your medical team if you have any questions about the penicillin allergy test, your results and what that means for you.

Patient post-challenge information: No penicillin allergy
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