

Penicillin allergy assessment result (oral challenge): Allergy confirmed

Your assessment result

You developed symptoms when you had the penicillin challenge. This confirms that you are allergic to penicillin and should continue to avoid penicillin antibiotics.

What does this mean for me?

You should continue to avoid taking any medication that contains penicillin.

Examples include:

- Penicillin
- Amoxicillin
- Flucloxacillin
- Co-amoxiclav.

The reaction you had to a penicillin antibiotic means taking penicillin again could result in a serious allergic reaction.

What should I do?

- Do not take penicillin antibiotics.
- Carry your allergy card with you. This is available from your healthcare team.
- Tell doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals about your penicillin allergy.
- Check with a healthcare professional before taking any new medicine if you are unsure whether it contains penicillin.
- If you accidentally take penicillin and develop symptoms of an allergic reaction, seek urgent medical attention.

What happens if I need antibiotics in future?

Your healthcare team can prescribe alternative antibiotics if you need antibiotic treatment in the future.

What happens next?

We will send a letter to your GP to inform them of the outcome of your assessment. We will keep your penicillin allergy record on your healthcare records.

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: Penicillin allergy confirmed.
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