Are you allergic to Penicillin?

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Did you know that

Penicillin is the **most commonly reported drug allergy**

However, **nine out of 10 patients** reporting a penicillin allergy are not truly allergic.

Broad-spectrum antibiotics may cause **treatment-resistant superbugs, like MRSA and C-Diff**

When patients are penicillin allergy tested

98% of hospitalized patients with a history of penicillin allergy would have a negative allergy test result.

Healthcare providers can prescribe less expensive, less toxic, and more appropriate antibiotics.

**Know the facts and get tested**
Be sure to ask your doctor if you are a candidate for penicillin allergy testing and discuss the benefits and risks of getting tested.

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1 Joint Task Force on Practice Parameters representing the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; Drug allergy: an updated practice parameter. Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol. 2010 Oct; 105 (4): 259-273


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**Let’s Chat about Penicillin Allergy Testing**

**Q:** I was told **I had a penicillin allergy when I was younger.** Is there a possibility that I might not have my allergy anymore?

**A:** Yes, this is very possible. Nine out of 10 patients reporting a penicillin allergy are not actually allergic.

**Q:** What do I do to **find out if I am still allergic** to penicillin?

**A:** **It’s easy!** Ask your pharmacist or physician to explain penicillin allergy testing. If you decide to get tested, it only takes about an hour.

**Q:** If my penicillin **allergy test comes back negative,** am I free to take penicillin again?

**A:** Yes, you can receive penicillin antibiotics. It’s important to share your results with all healthcare providers as it can impact your antibiotic options.

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