

Lose the Label!

Get rid of your penicillin allergy for good

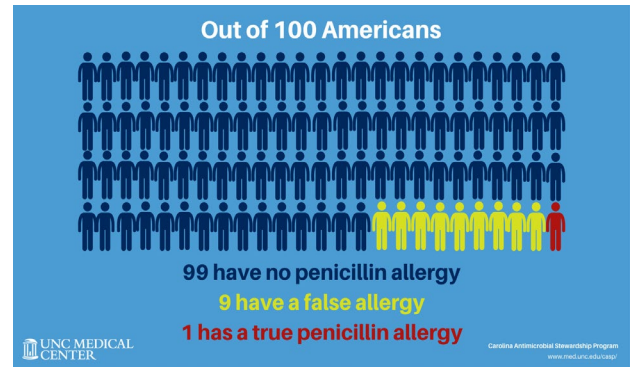
People are often labeled as “penicillin allergic” if they have a bad reaction to amoxicillin or penicillin. Most of the time, these reactions are not real allergies or dangerous.

Why does it matter?

Penicillin and amoxicillin often work better for certain infections. People who have a penicillin allergy may get different antibiotics that do not work as well. Sometimes these other antibiotics have more side effects. They can also cost more and taste worse.

Did you know?

- Many kids develop a rash when they get amoxicillin, because they have a virus and not an allergy
- Penicillin allergies are not passed down in families
- 80% of people with true allergy to penicillin grow out of it in 10 years
- A provider can safely test you by giving you a dose of amoxicillin by mouth



Take the Challenge!

If your doctor believes that your penicillin allergy isn't real, they can give you a dose of amoxicillin.

The doctor and nurses will watch you for 1 hour after taking the medicine to make sure you aren't allergic. If there are no signs of an allergic reaction, you can safely take penicillin antibiotics! Make sure you update your doctors and pharmacy with the good news.

Although we try hard to determine which people can be safely tested, there is still a small chance that you could have an allergic reaction. This is why we give you the medicine in a safe place where you can get help right away if needed.

Delayed Medication Reactions

Although it is not very common, there are some medicine reactions that can occur many days after getting amoxicillin. These reactions do not usually lead to lasting problems. Here's what to watch out for:

- Joint pain or swelling
- Pain and redness in the eyes, mouth or vagina
- Rash (for example itching, painful skin, or skin blisters)
- High fever

If you have these symptoms, you should call your provider or go to an urgent care. If the symptoms are severe (like having problems breathing), go to the Emergency Department right away.