



‘No reaction’ to your oral penicillin allergy test

This leaflet explains what happens after a ‘no reaction’ result following an oral penicillin allergy test carried out by the medical team. This could have been done on a ward or in an outpatient setting.

The results of your penicillin allergy test show:

YOU DO NOT HAVE AN IMMEDIATE OR SEVERE ALLERGY TO PENICILLIN.

What does this mean for me?

You no longer need to tell medical teams looking after you that you are allergic to penicillin e.g. when you are taken into hospital. This means if you ever need treatment for an infection in future, for example at a GP appointment or if you attend hospital for any test or treatment, you will now be able to take antibiotics that contain penicillin. If you had side effects when you took penicillin in the past, e.g. nausea (feeling sick), you may still want to tell the doctor treating you, as they may give you medication to take along with the antibiotics to reduce these side effects. If rash or any other reaction develops within 72 hours of taking the antibiotics containing penicillin, please let your hospital doctor or GP (if you have been discharged from hospital) know.

What happens now?

A letter will be sent to your GP to let them know the results of the test and to ask them to remove ‘penicillin allergy’ from your medical record. We will also remove it from your hospital record. Please let any other healthcare staff, e.g. dentist, who may prescribe or give you medicines know that your allergy record has been updated.

If you have any questions about the direct oral penicillin challenge, the results and what that means for you, please speak to a member of the medical team looking after you

If you have any further questions or need advice about your treatment, please contact the Royal Berkshire Hospital Switchboard on 0118 322 5111 and provide the name of the unit / team responsible for your treatment.

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