

Patient information leaflet

Penicillin allergy testing result: Negative

The results of your penicillin allergy test show:

YOU DO NOT HAVE AN IMMEDIATE/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 you will now be able to receive antibiotics which contain penicillin.

If you had side effects when you took penicillin in the past e.g. nausea you may still want to tell your doctor as they may give you medication to take along with the antibiotics to reduce these.

If a rash develops within the next 72 hours 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 who may prescribe or give you medicines know that your allergy record has been updated.

If you have any questions about the penicillin allergy test or your results and what that means for you please speak to a member of the medical team looking after you.