

Are You Allergic To Penicillin?

Did you know 90-95% of patients with a self-reported penicillin allergy in their electronic medical record can safely take penicillin after verification testing?



10% of all U.S. patients report having an allergic reaction to a penicillin-based antibiotic in their past.



9 out of 10 patients reporting a penicillin allergy are not truly allergic when formally evaluated.



Approximately 80% of patients with penicillin allergy lose their sensitivity after 10 years.



Broad-spectrum antibiotics are often used as an alternative to penicillin.



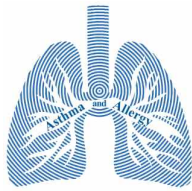
The use of broad-spectrum antibiotics is associated with higher healthcare costs, increased risk for antibiotic resistance, and suboptimal antibiotic therapy.

You can get tested for PENICILLIN ALLERGY at any of our five WV locations.

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September 28th is National Penicillin Allergy Day.

Alexander Flemming discovered penicillin on this day in 1928. It was a boon, and continues to be a boon for humanity. Penicillin and its derivatives are still the drug of choice for many infectious diseases due to their effectiveness and safety profile.

However, 10% of Americans believe or have been told by medical professionals that they are allergic to Penicillin. When they get sick and need a Penicillin related drug, they are given alternative medications that are often **less effective &/or more toxic, and always more expensive.** BUT, and here is the kicker, only 1% of Americans are found to be ACTUALLY allergic to Penicillin, when tested. The reason? Either the original reaction was not an allergy at all, or they have lost their allergy over the years. Ten years after even a serious reaction 80% of the patients lose their allergic sensitivity! So, overall, 9 out of 10 persons claiming allergy to Penicillin are NOT ALLERGIC, and can take Penicillin and related drugs without any risk or harm!

For reasons above, if you think you are allergic to penicillin, you need to know for sure whether or not you are truly allergic, and **MUST AVOID** or **CAN SAFELY TAKE** these drugs. True Penicillin allergy is serious and may be life-threatening.

Safe and Effective **Penicillin Allergy Testing** is available at most Allergist's Offices, including all five of our locations in WV. If the tests are negative, we will have you take up to full dose of a Penicillin drug under our supervision and observe you in our office to confirm that you can tolerate it. We will then give you, and send to your Primary Care Doctor, a letter confirming that you are NOT ALLERGIC TO PENICILLIN.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, Look us up at Asthmaweb.Com, or call us at **304 343-4300**, or **Text us at 304 519-4057**, and we will call you back.

We Look Forward To Serving YOU.