



Do you have a penicillin allergy?

Penicillin is a type of medicine that fights infections and is known to be very effective and safe. Penicillin allergy is the most common medicine allergy reported by patients.

More than 9 out of 10 people (90%) who think they are allergic to penicillin are **NOT TRULY ALLERGIC** and can safely take penicillin.



Here's what to know about penicillin allergies:

- ✓ They go away over time, usually in 5-10 years.
- ✓ Side effects from penicillin are often mistaken for allergies. See below for the difference:

SIDE EFFECTS

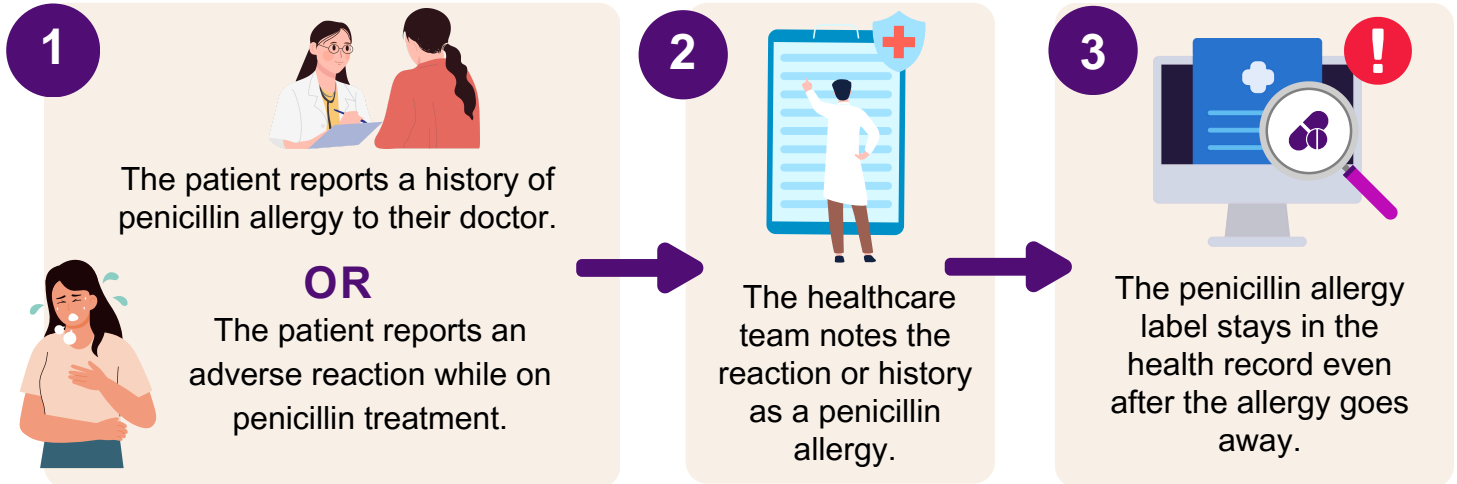
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ALLERGIC REACTIONS

Side effects are caused by the drug and usually appear after a few doses or days.

An **allergic reaction** happens when your immune system reacts to the drug, usually within 1-2 hours after taking the first dose.

Why are so many people incorrectly identified as penicillin allergic on their health record?



Having a penicillin allergy noted in your health record can cause significant problems when antibiotics are needed:

1. Patients receive other antibiotics instead of penicillins that won't work as well to cure infections.
2. Patients have more adverse side effects when other antibiotics are used instead of penicillins.
3. Patients are more likely to have antibiotic resistant bacteria when other antibiotics are used making it harder to treat infections in the future.

Let's make sure your health records are correct so you can get the best care possible!

Penicillin allergy labels are safe and easy to remove by a doctor!

See below for the Penicillin Allergy Delabeling Process:

