

Allergy to penicillin test result: Negative

You recently had a test for allergy to penicillin.
Your result confirms that:

You do not have an immediate or severe allergy to penicillin

What does this mean?

Your risk of having an allergic reaction to penicillin is no higher than the general population. This means that if you ever need treatment for a bacterial infection in future you will be able to take antibiotics that contain penicillin.

You no longer need to tell healthcare staff looking after you that you are allergic to penicillin; for example, if you are taken into hospital.

If you had side effects when you took penicillin in the past, such as feeling sick (nausea), you may still want to tell your healthcare team about them. You may be given medication to take with the antibiotics to reduce their side effects.

What happens now?

We will send a letter to your GP to tell them the results of the test, and to ask them to update your medical record to remove 'penicillin allergy' from it. We will also remove 'penicillin allergy' from your hospital record.

Please tell any other healthcare staff who may prescribe or give you medicines in future that your allergy record has been updated.

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