

**Penicillin allergy testing result:
Positive**

Test results

As you know you had a reaction to penicillin during the test which has confirmed:

- **You are allergic to penicillin**

What does this mean for me?

You should continue to avoid taking antibiotics which contain penicillin.

Examples of these antibiotics include phenoxymethylpenicillin (penicillin V), amoxicillin, flucloxacillin and co-amoxiclav (Augmentin).

Remember to ask any healthcare staff who may prescribe or give you medicines to check if it has penicillin in it.

What happens now?

A letter will be sent to your GP to tell them of the result of the test. This will include the type of reaction you have had so that your medical record can be updated.

If you have any questions about the type of reaction you have had, please ask the medical team looking after you for more information.

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.

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Shared Decision Making

If you are asked to make a choice, you may have lots of questions that you want to ask. You may also want to talk over your options with your family or friends. It can help to write a list of the questions you want answered and take it to your appointment.

Ask 3 Questions

To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions if you asked to make a choice about your healthcare.

1. What are my options?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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