

Penicillin Allergy

All drug-allergies must be specified on medication charts (with the patient's reaction)
In TRUE penicillin allergy* ALL penicillins, cephalosporins and other beta-lactam antibiotics should be avoided

CONTRA-INDICATED

Antibiotics to be avoided in penicillin allergy

Amoxicillin, Ampicillin
Benzylpenicillin (Penicillin G)
Co-amoxiclav (Augmentin®, Heliclear®)
Co-fluampicil (Magnapen®)
Flucloxacillin
Phenoxyethylpenicillin (Penicillin V)
Piperacillin/tazobactam (Tazocin®)
Pivmecillinam
Temocillin

CAUTION

Avoid if serious penicillin allergy (e.g. anaphylaxis/angioedema)

Use with caution if non-severe allergy (e.g. minor rash only)

Antibiotics to be avoided or used with caution in penicillin allergy

Cephalosporins:

Cefaclor, Cefalexin, Cefidericol, Cefixime, Cefotaxime, Cefradine, Ceftazidime, Ceftazidime/avibactam, Ceftriaxone, Cefuroxime, Ceftolozane/tazobactam,

Other beta-lactam like antibiotics:

Aztreonam, Imipenem/cilastatin, Meropenem, Meropenem/vaborbactam, Ertapenem

CONSIDERED SAFE

Antibiotics safe in penicillin allergy (not a complete list)

Amikacin	Linezolid
Azithromycin	Metronidazole
Ciprofloxacin	Nitrofurantoin
Clarithromycin	Minocycline
Clindamycin	Oxytetracycline
Colistin	Rifampicin
Co-trimoxazole	Sodium Fusidate
Daptomycin	Teicoplanin
Delafloxacin	Tetracycline
Doxycycline	Tobramycin
Erythromycin	Trimethoprim
Gentamicin	Tigecycline
Fosfomycin	Vancomycin
Levofloxacin	

*TRUE penicillin allergy includes anaphylaxis, urticaria or rash immediately after penicillin administration
In cases of INTOLERANCE to penicillin (e.g. gastrointestinal upset) or a rash occurring >72 hours after administration, penicillins/related antibiotics should not be withheld unnecessarily in severe infection but the patient must be monitored closely after administration