

Penicillin Allergy

Antibiotic prescribing in a penicillin allergic patient

**CONTRA-
INDICATED**

Amoxicillin

Co-amoxiclav (Augmentin[®]) = Amoxicillin + Clavulanic acid

Flucloxacillin

Penicillin G (Benzylpenicillin)

Penicillin V (Phenoxymethylpenicillin)

Piperacillin + Tazobactam (Tazocin[®])

Ticarcillin + Tazobactam (Timentin[®])

CAUTION*

All cephalosporins including:

Cefalexin Cefixime Cefotaxime

Ceftazidime Ceftriaxone Cefuroxime

All carbapenems including:

Ertapenem

Imipenem + Cilastatin

Meropenem

Aztreonam

**CONSIDERED
SAFE**

Amikacin

Azithromycin

Chloramphenicol

Ciprofloxacin

Clarithromycin

Clindamycin

Colistin

Co-Trimoxazole

Doxycycline

Erythromycin

Gentamicin

Levofloxacin

Linezolid

Metronidazole

Nitrofurantoin

Norfloxacin

Ofloxacin

Oxytetracycline

Rifampicin

Sodium Fusidate

Teicoplanin

Tetracycline

Tobramycin

Vancomycin

* **INDIVIDUALS** with a **DEFINITE** history of **ANAPHYLAXIS**, **ANGIOEDEMA**, **URTICARIA** or **RASH** immediately after penicillin administration are at risk of immediate hypersensitivity to penicillin. These individuals **SHOULD NOT** receive penicillin, a cephalosporin or another beta-lactam antibiotic (e.g. carbapenems).