

The Penicillin Allergy Clinic

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Why did I get this information Sheet?

You have identified that you have a Sulfa/Septra allergy. Studies have shown that only 2-5% of patients are truly allergic to Sulfa/Septra and that >90% of patients who undergo allergy testing with Septra have no allergic reaction. The testing we do in Winnipeg is <u>extremely safe and does not involve any needle</u>. Our goal is to safely remove as many 'false' allergies in Winnipeg as possible.

Benefits to All Patients by Removing their Sulfa/Septra Allergy

- Septra is less expensive than many other antibiotics
- Will allow you to receive Septra for any future urinary tract infections (UTIs) which are very common especially in females and the elderly
- Will allow you to receive one of the best antibiotics against a severe skin infection bacterium called MRSA (*methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus*)
- Septra is the preferred antibiotic for a severe type of pneumonia that can develop in those with HIV/AIDS called *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia

If you are interested in getting rid of your Sulfa/Septra allergy, ask your doctor to send a referral to our clinic or contact us at <u>1-888-PEN-ALRG (1-888-736-2574)</u> or <u>info@penallergy.com</u> today!

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Dr. Norm Silver, FRCPC Pediatrician and Emergency Physician Dr. Taft Micks, CCFP(EM) Family and Emergency Physician