



# The Penicillin Allergy Clinic

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## Why did I get this information Sheet?

You have identified that you have a Penicillin/Amoxicillin allergy. It is now recommended that everyone (***Adults and Children***) with a Penicillin or Amoxicillin allergy get allergy testing done as 95% of people are not actually allergic to these antibiotics and 80% of people grow out of their allergy after 10 years. The testing we do in Winnipeg is ***extremely safe, does not involve any needles***, and is being done all over the world. Our goal is to safely remove as many 'false' penicillin and amoxicillin allergies in Winnipeg as possible.

## **Benefits to Surgery Patients by Removing Penicillin/Amoxicillin Allergy**

- Allows surgery patients to receive the best antibiotics to prevent infection during surgery instead of stronger, more expensive antibiotics with more side effects such as Vancomycin
- Shorter length of surgery
- Lower chance of wound infection after surgery
- Lower chance of infection after joint replacement surgery
- Shorter stay in hospital
- Less expensive than other antibiotics (53% savings) and less side effects
- Less bacterial resistance which is better for everyone in our society
- Lower chance of getting a bad skin infection (MRSA) or severe diarrhea (C. diff) while in hospital

If you are interested in getting rid of your Penicillin or Amoxicillin allergy, ask your doctor to send a referral to our clinic or contact us at [1-888-PEN-ALRG \(1-888-736-2574\)](tel:1-888-PEN-ALRG) or [info@penallergy.com](mailto:info@penallergy.com) today!

We look forward to seeing you soon,

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