

Why did I get this information Sheet?

You have identified that you have a Penicillin/Amoxicillin allergy. It is now recommended that everyone (<u>Adults and Children</u>) with a history of 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 <u>extremely safe, does</u> <u>not involve any needles</u>, 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 Pregnant Women by Removing Penicillin/Amoxicillin Allergy

- Allows pregnant women to receive the best antibiotic to prevent Group B Strep infections to their baby which is Penicillin or Ampicillin
- Allows urinary tract infections in pregnancy to be treated with amoxicillin which is safe all throughout the pregnancy and has very few side effects
- Lowers chance of C-section as women with a Penicillin allergy have a 10% higher chance of C-section
- Shorter stay in hospital after vaginal delivery or C-Section
- Less side effects from stronger, more expensive antibiotics such as Vancomycin
- Less expensive prescriptions (53% savings) compared to other antibiotics
- Less bacterial resistance which is better for everyone in our society
- Lower chance of bad skin infections (MRSA) or severe diarrhea (C. diff)

If you are interested in getting rid of your Penicillin/Amoxicillin 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>penallergyclinic@gmail.com</u> today!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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