

# Penicillin allergies

For community healthcare providers

## Action plan: Patients reporting penicillin allergies

Not all allergies are the same. It is important to ascertain and accurately document the nature of the allergy i.e.;

- What is the name of the penicillin, if known?
- What happened and how long ago?
- The specific penicillin involved (was it a single penicillin or a class reaction?)
- What beta-lactams have been tolerated since?

Refer to the Therapeutic Guidelines: Antibiotic Version 16 for further information.

### Common examples used in GP clinics:

**Penicillins:** amoxicillin, amoxicillin-clavulanate, flucloxacillin, penicillin V

**Cephalosporins:** cefaclor, cefalexin, cefuroxime

