

# Think You're Allergic to Penicillin?

Talk to your doctor or nurse—many people aren't actually allergic.



## What Can Happen If Your Allergy Isn't Confirmed

If you're wrongly labeled as allergic, you may:

- Not get the safest antibiotics during labor or surgery
- Be at higher risk of infections
- Stay in the hospital longer
- Face more health risks for both you and your baby
- Have higher medical costs from complications or extra medications



## What your doctor or nurse might ask:

- To help confirm your allergy, they may ask:
- What kind of reaction did you have?
- How quickly did it happen after taking the medication?
- Have you had similar reactions before?
- Were you ever tested by an allergist?
- Have you taken other antibiotics since?

## Next time you see a healthcare provider, say:

*"Can we talk about my penicillin allergy?"*

This small step could lead to safer and better care for you and your baby.

