

Penicillin allergy risk	Reaction history	Therapeutic Recommendation
Non-anaphylactic penicillin allergy	Reaction inconsistent with allergy (ex. headache, family history, isolated GI intolerance)	Administer any cephalosporin normally (regardless of side chains)
	History of distant (>10 years) cutaneous reaction	
	Rash, flushing, itching, fever, swelling	
	Unknown, undocumented reaction	
Anaphylactic penicillin allergy	Confirmed Type 1 IgE mediated reaction (anaphylaxis, angioedema, hypotension, immediate hives, etc.)	Administer any cephalosporin with dissimilar side chain to penicillin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANY IV cephalosporin • PO 2nd /3rd generation cephalosporin AVOID cephalosporins with same side chains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefadroxil • Cephalexin
Delayed type reaction	SJS, TEN, serum sickness, hemolytic anemia, AIN	Avoid beta-lactams, consider consultation

Reference:

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