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Penicillin Allergy

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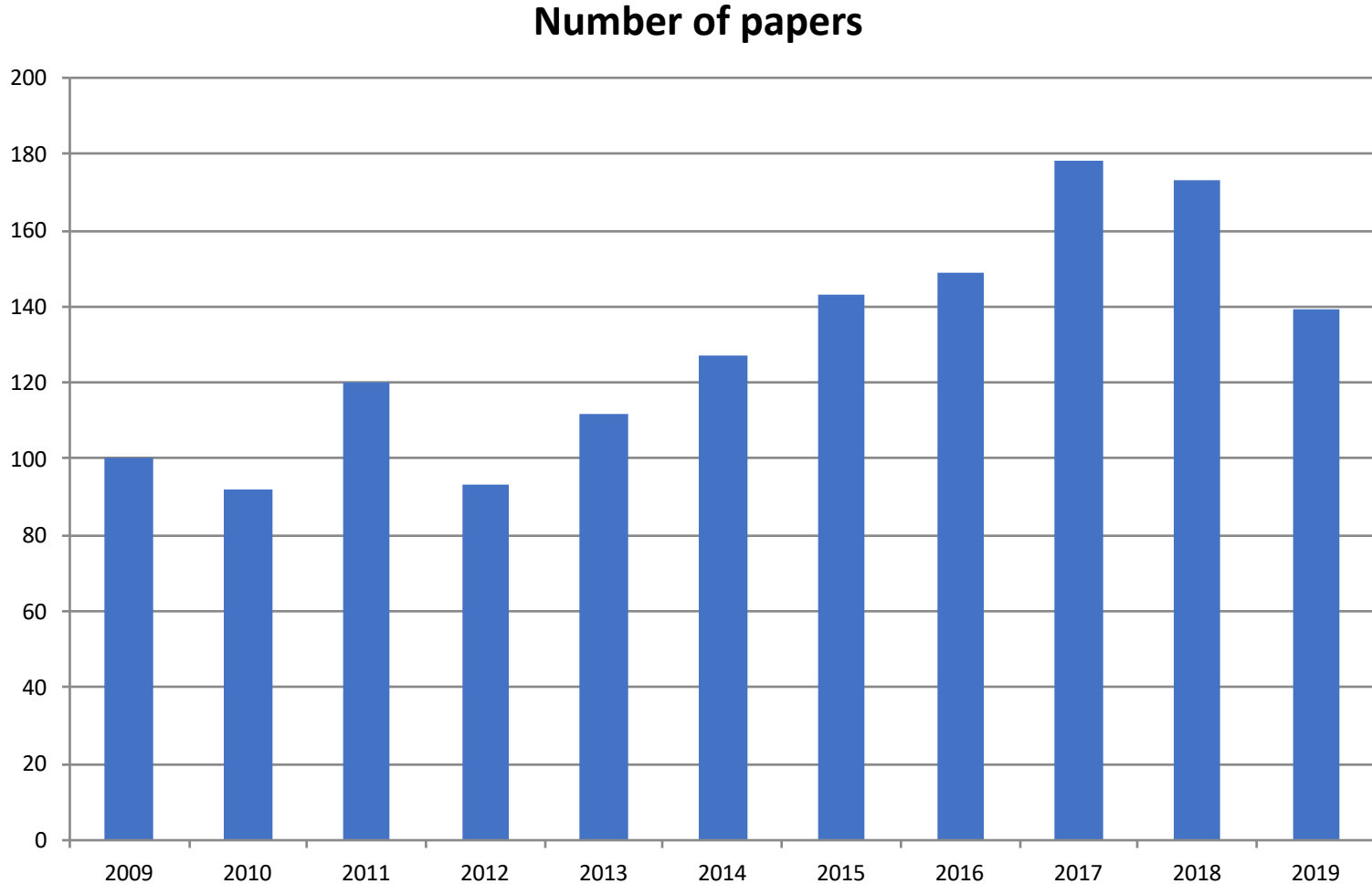
How many people have ever been told or have said that they have a penicillin allergy?

A. Yes

B. No



“Penicillin Allergy” Papers



Penicillin Allergy Evaluations: An Emerging Component of Comprehensive Cancer Care

Allison Ramsey MD and Mary L. Staicu PharmD

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Review

Penicillin Allergy Skin Testing in the Inpatient Setting

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Antibiotic Allergy in Children: More than Just a Label

Elissa Abrams^a Elena Netchiporouk^b Barbara Miedzybrodzki^c
Moshe Ben-Shoshan^c



“Penicillin Allergy”

- True prevalence of penicillin allergy is ~1%
- 10-15% of inpatients and 9-12% of outpatients report an allergy
- 90% of the above are not allergic and of those who were, most are no longer
- Why so much confusion?
 - Allergenic impurities in penicillin in '70s
 - Penicillin contamination of cephalosporins pre-1980



Why is This a Problem?

- Removes options for effective treatment
- Increases resistance and *C. difficile* disease as clinicians reach for vancomycin and fluoroquinolones
- At some sites, most vancomycin use due to reported allergy
- May require multiple antimicrobials to substitute



Why is This a Problem?

Inferior patient outcomes

- Adverse effects
- Risk of drug resistance
- *C. difficile* infection

Increased costs

- 40% higher antibiotic cost
- Increased length of stay



Outcomes with MSSA

	All	Reported Penicillin Allergy	No Reported Penicillin Allergy	P Value*
Primary Outcome	(n = 456)	(n = 59)	(n = 397)	
Optimal Therapy Trial, n (%)	346 (76)	28 (47)	318 (80)	<0.001
	All	Reported Penicillin Allergy	No Reported Penicillin Allergy	P Value*
Secondary Outcome	(n = 440)	(n = 57)	(n = 383)	
Adequate Therapy Completion, n (%)	391 (89) [†]	48 (84)	343 (90)	0.26
<i>Predominantly first-line therapy</i>	302 (77)	26 (54)	276 (80)	<0.001 [‡]
<i>Predominantly second line therapy</i>	50 (13)	19 (40)	31 (9)	
<i>Combination of first-line and second-line therapies</i>	39 (10)	3 (6)	36 (11)	

* Wilcoxon rank-sum or Fisher's exact test unless specified

[†] Of the 49 patients not receiving adequate therapy, 33 were discharged within 10 days without adequate therapy to complete their course, 16 were hospitalized for at least 10 days and not treated with adequate antibiotic therapy for MSSA bacteremia.

[‡] Cochran-Armitage trend test

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- Hazard for mortality 0.57 for vanco vs beta-lactam for MSSA (McDaniel, CID, 2015)
- Recurrence higher for vanco (20% vs 4%) (Change, Medicine, 2003)



Outcomes with MSSA

Table 1. Summary of Published Studies Evaluating Empirical Therapy for Methicillin-Susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* Bacteremia

Study	Year	Design	Study Size, No.	Outcome	Vancomycin vs β -Lactam	Result ^a
Vancomycin therapy vs β -lactam therapy ^b						
Chang et al [19]	2003	Prospective cohort	505	Bacteriologic failure ^c	19% vs 0%	OR, 6.5 (1.0–53)
Khatib et al [20]	2006	Prospective cohort	120	Overall mortality	27% vs 12%	HR, 2.3 (1.1–4.9)
Stryjewski et al [21] ^d	2007	Prospective cohort	123	Treatment failure	31% vs 13%	OR, 3.5 (1.2–13)
Lodise et al [6] ^e	2007	Retrospective cohort	84	Infection-related mortality	39% vs 11%	OR, 6.5 (1.4–29)
Kim et al [22]	2008	Retrospective case-control	27	Infection-related mortality	37% vs 11%	OR, 3.3 (1.2–9.5)
Schweizer et al [23]	2011	Retrospective	267	30-day in-hospital mortality	20% vs 3%	HR, 4.8 (2.1–11) ^f
Chan et al [24]	2012	Retrospective cohort	293 094	Hospitalization rate	12.5 vs 7.2 ^g	HR, 1.6 (1.2–2.2) ^f
Vancomycin therapy vs vancomycin therapy de-escalated to β -lactam						
Lodise et al [6] ^e	2007	Retrospective cohort	84	Infection-related mortality	33% vs 41%	NS
Schweizer et al [23]	2011	Retrospective cohort	267	30-day in-hospital mortality	20% vs 7%	HR, 3.2 (1–10)
Vancomycin therapy de-escalated to β -lactam therapy vs β -lactam therapy						
Khatib et al [25]	2006	Prospective cohort	168	Persistent bacteremia	56% vs 37%	$P = .03$
Lodise et al [6] ^e	2007	Retrospective cohort	84	Infection-related mortality	41% vs 11%	Not reported



2014 Kaiser CA Study

- Allergic patients had 0.59 day longer LOS, 23.4% more C. diff, 14% more MRSA, 30% more VRE
- Estimated cost increase: \$64 million/3yr
- More vancomycin, fluoroquinolones, clindamycin



Barriers

- Easier for busy clinicians to order alternative antibiotics
- Lack of knowledge and exaggerated risk perception (patients and providers)
- ID, FP, Peds and IM docs not trained
- Missed opportunity for emphasis in ID and ASPs



Strategies

- Ask patient if PCN or ceph tolerated since allergy. If yes, OK to use.
- If not an allergy (ex. nausea), OK to use
- OK to use cephalosporin if allergy is not anaphylaxis, SJS, TEN, etc.
- PCN allergy testing
- Graded challenge, desensitization



Question

Does your facility have a process for skin testing patients with a reported allergy to penicillin?

A. Yes

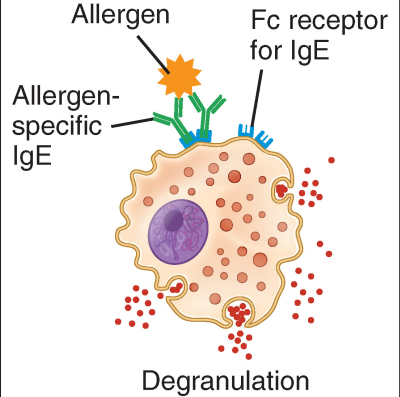
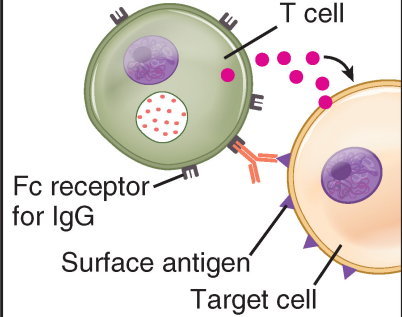
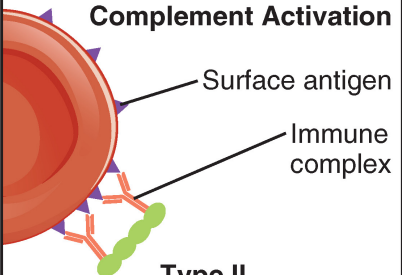
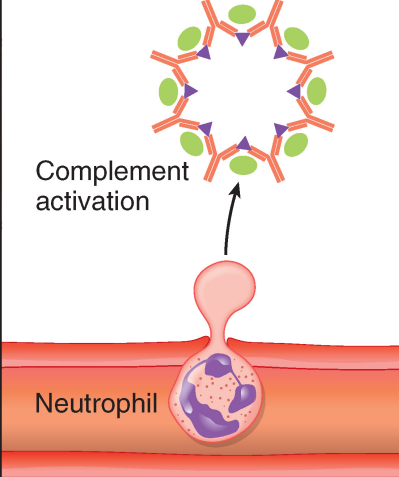
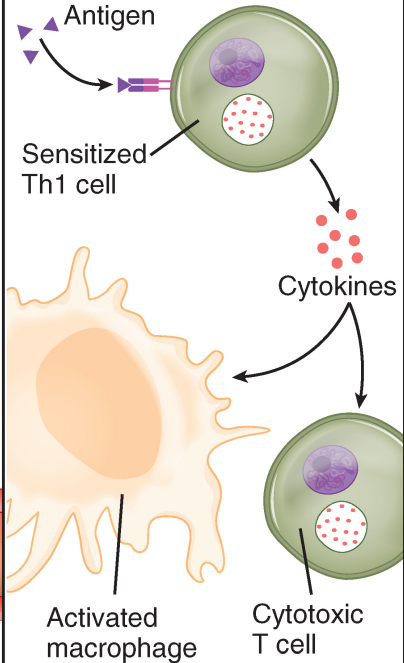
B. No



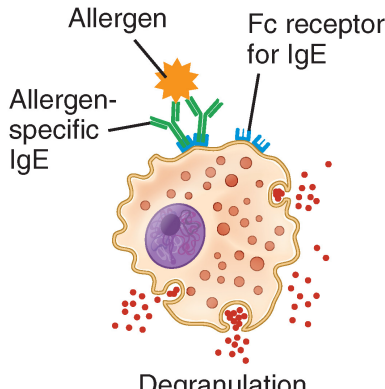
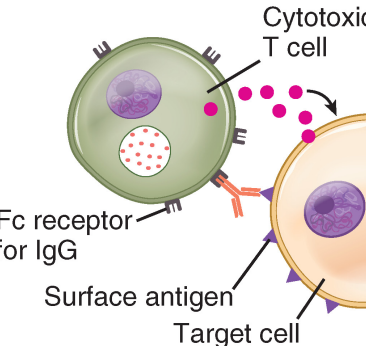
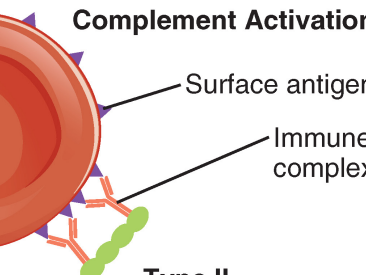
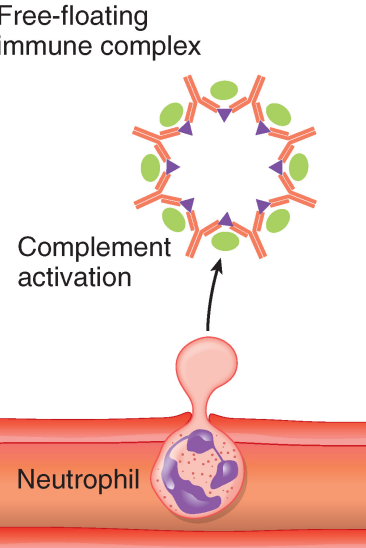
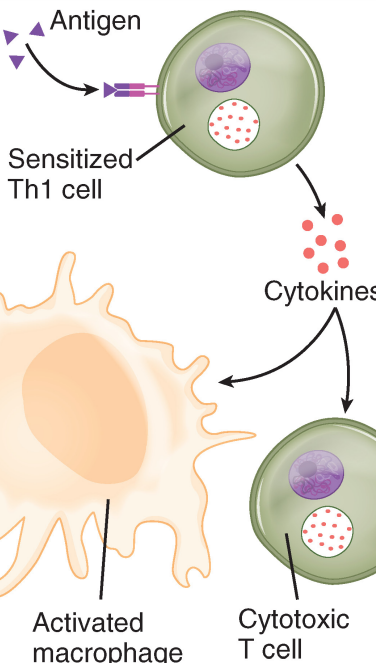
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IgE-Mediated Hypersensitivity	IgG-Mediated Cytotoxic Hypersensitivity	Immune Complex-Mediated Hypersensitivity	Cell-Mediated Hypersensitivity
IgE is bound to mast cells via its Fc portion. When an allergen binds to these antibodies, crosslinking of IgE induces degranulation.	Cells are destroyed by bound antibody, either by activation of complement or by a cytotoxic T cell with an Fc receptor for the antibody (ADCC)	Antigen–antibody complexes are deposited in tissues, causing activation of complement, which attracts neutrophils to the site	Th1 cells secrete cytokines, which activate macrophages and cytotoxic T cells and can cause macrophage accumulation at the site
Causes localized and systemic anaphylaxis, seasonal allergies including hay fever, food allergies such as those to shellfish and peanuts, hives, and eczema	Red blood cells destroyed by complement and antibody during a transfusion of mismatched blood type or during erythroblastosis fetalis	Most common forms of immune complex disease are seen in glomerulonephritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and systemic lupus erythematosus	Most common forms are contact dermatitis, tuberculin reaction, autoimmune diseases such as diabetes mellitus type I, multiple sclerosis, and rheumatoid arthritis

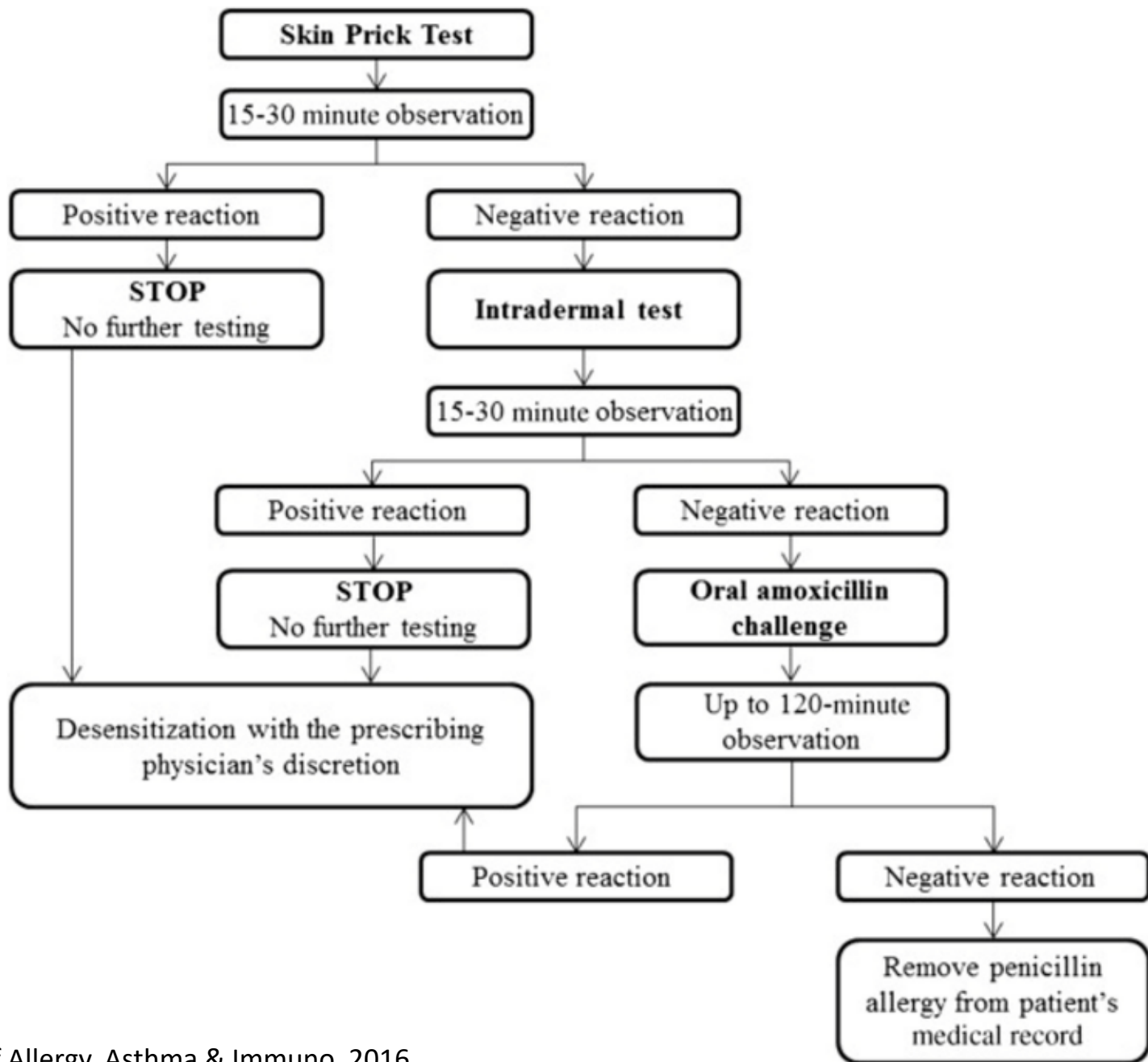


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- Identifies only Type I, IgE-mediated allergy
 - Benzylpenicilloyl polylysine
 - Urticaria, anaphylaxis, bronchospasm, angioedema
 - Usually within 1 hour of dose
- No antihistamines
- DO NOT skin test patients with h/o non-IgE allergy (TEN/SJS, DRESS, AIN, hemolysis, etc)
- Can be RN or pharmacist driven





Penicillin Allergy Testing

- Pretest probability of not having an allergy is ~90%
- NPV of negative test is >99% (better than general population)
- Up to 3% of allergic pts missed with testing but can be safely identified with oral challenge
- **PST programs = cost savings + improved patient outcomes**



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