

Pharmacy First Sore Throat Service

Antibiotic Decision Pathway

Does the patient have a penicillin allergy?

Approximately 1 in 100 people have a true penicillin allergy. 9 out of 10 people 'labelled' as allergic are not actually allergic to penicillin. Link to Royal Pharmaceutical Society penicillin allergy checklist | [RPS \(rpharms.com\)](https://www.rpharms.com/penicillin-allergy-checklist)

YES, patient is allergic to penicillin

NO, the patient is NOT allergic to penicillin

Is the patient pregnant?

YES

NO

Erythromycin

Clarithromycin

Clarithromycin NOT to be used if patient is pregnant

First Line:

Phenoxymethylpenicillin

(can be used if the patient is pregnant)