

Penicillin Allergy

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Table 1.

Gell and Coombs Classification of Hypersensitivity Reactions

Type of Reactions	Hypersensitivity	Mediated by	Time of Onset	Examples
IgE-mediated	Type I	IgE antibodies	Within 1 hour	Anaphylaxis
Non-IgE-mediated	Type II	Cytotoxic	Hours to days	Hemolytic anemia
Non-IgE-mediated	Type III	Immune complex	7-21 days	Serum sickness
Non-IgE-mediated	Type IV	Cell-mediated	Days to weeks	Maculopapular rash Stevens-Johnson syndrome Toxic epidermal necrolysis

IgE = immunoglobulin E

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