

Allergy & Asthma of the Black Hills

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Meds that Interfere with Skin Testing

Generic Name	Brand Name	Generic Name	Brand Name	Comments:
Newer Antihistamines (3-5 days)		Hetero-cyclics (5-10 days)		
cesloratadine	Clarinex	amitriptyline	Elavil	The medications in the right column are often used to treat depression, mood disorders, insomnia, nausea, muscle spasm, fibromyalgia and chronic pain.
cetirizine	Zyrtec	clomipramine	Anafranil	
fexofenadine	Allegra	desipramine	Norpramin	Unfortunately, they can strongly interfere with skin testing. If you are taking one of these, then before skin testing, you should ask your primary care doctor (or the doctor who prescribed it) if you can taper off these medications before skin testing.
levocetirizine	Xyzal	doxepin	Sinequan	
loratadine	Claritin, Alavert	imipramine	Tofranil	If tapering off these agents is not possible, then we may have to evaluate by blood allergy RAST/Immuncap testing. Allergy blood testing is not affected by any of these medications.
Older Antihistamines (2-3 days)		nortriptyline	Pamelor	
brompheniramine	Dimetapp, Drixoral	protriptyline	Vivactil	If you come for testing on one of these medications, sometimes, before ordering the more expensive blood testing, we may first check a "histamine control" prick test.
chlorpheniramine	Actifed, Triaminic, CTM	trazodone	Desyrel	
clemapstine	Tavist	Neuroleptics (5-10 days)		
cyproheptadine	Periactin	aripiprazole	Abilify	If the histamine control is strongly reactive, (ie: despite having this antihistamine like medication in your system), then we may go ahead and do full skin testing. A strong "histamine response" would lead us to believe that your skin can react to the allergens too, despite having this medicine in your system.
dexchlorpheniramine	Polaramine	chlorpromazine	Thorazine	
diphenhydramine	Benadryl, Sominex	clozapine	Clozaril	If the histamine control is strongly reactive, (ie: despite having this antihistamine like medication in your system), then we may go ahead and do full skin testing. A strong "histamine response" would lead us to believe that your skin can react to the allergens too, despite having this medicine in your system.
doxylamine	Unisom, SleepAid, others	fluphenazine	Prolixin	
hydroxyzine	Atarax, Vistaril	haloperidol	Haldol	If the histamine control is strongly reactive, (ie: despite having this antihistamine like medication in your system), then we may go ahead and do full skin testing. A strong "histamine response" would lead us to believe that your skin can react to the allergens too, despite having this medicine in your system.
meclizine	Antivert	olanzapine	Zyprexa	
promethazine	Phenergan	paliperidone	Invega	
Eye Drops (2-3 days)		perphenazine	Perphenazine	
azelastine	Optivar	Perphenazine	Trilafon	
emedastine	Emadine	pimozide	Orap	
epinastine	Elestat	quitiapine	Seroquel	
ketotifen	Zaditor	risperidone	Risperdal	
levocarbastine	Livostin	thioridazine	Mellaril	
olopatadine	Pataday, Patanol	thiothixene	Navane	
Nasal Sprays (2-3 days)		trifluoperazine	Stelazine	
azelastine	Astelín	ziprasidone	Geodon	
olopatadine	Patanase	Anti-Nausea Meds (5-10 days)		
H2 Antagonist - Stomach Acid Reducers (12-24 hrs)		dimenhydrinate	Dramamine	If the histamine control is strongly reactive, (ie: despite having this antihistamine like medication in your system), then we may go ahead and do full skin testing. A strong "histamine response" would lead us to believe that your skin can react to the allergens too, despite having this medicine in your system.
cimetidine	Tagamet	droperidol	Inapsine	
famotidine	Pepsid	metoclopramide	Reglan	
nizatidine	Axid	prochlorperazine	Compazine	
ranitidine	Zantac	prometazine	Phenergan	
Please Note:		scopolamine	Transderm-Scop Patch	
1) Over the counter meds that say "PM," "Night-time Relief," "Allergy, Cold or Sinus" as part of the name probably have an antihistamine as one of the active agents so stop them for 1-2 days, just to be safe.		thiethylperazine	Torecan	
2) Sudafed or pseudoephedrine is a decongestant (ie: not an antihistamine) so is fine to continue as long as it is not mixed with an antihistamine (ie: Claritin-D, etc).		trimethobenzamide	Tigan	
3) You can continue on your asthma meds - ie: singulair & sprays; nasal steroid sprays (ie: flonase, fluticasone, nasonex, rhinocort, nasacort, omnaris, flunisolide); ipratropium nasal spray; and other meds not on this list as they shouldn't interfere with skin testing. If your not sure, ask your doctor, pharmacist, or call us.		Muscle Relaxors (5-10 days)		
		chlorzoxazone	Parafon Forte	
		cyclobenzaprine	Flexeril	
		orphenadrine	Norflex	