

## Precautions

If you experience an allergic reaction after taking a medication, consult your doctor as soon as possible. You may also obtain a “Drug Allergy Record Card” from healthcare professionals, which records the symptoms and severity of your allergies. Showing this card to your doctors, nurses and pharmacists allows them to provide the appropriate medications and advice based on your history.

姓名 (Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
病人編號 (Patient No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
持咭人對下列藥物有敏感反應:  
Holder of this card is allergic to the following:

藥物名稱 Drug Name	敏感反應 Reaction



This guidance is for reference only .

You should always follow your doctor's instructions.  
Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

Do not share your medications with other people.

如有任何查詢，歡迎聯絡我們  
For enquiry, please feel free to contact us

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## What is a drug allergy?

A drug allergy occurs when your immune system overreacts to a foreign substance, such as a medication.

Allergic reactions can vary in onset, symptoms, and severity, and are unpredictable compared to medication side effects. Each person may experience these reactions differently.

Immediate allergic reactions typically occur within 1 to 6 hours of taking a medication, while delayed reactions may arise 24 hours or more after starting the medication.

If you experience any allergic symptoms, discontinue the medication immediately and seek medical attention. Minor symptoms usually resolve upon discontinuation of the offending medication and supportive care.



## Common signs and symptoms

- Hives, itchy skin rashes (localized or generalized)
- Swelling of the face, eyes or lips



## Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is the most severe type of allergic reaction and should always be treated as a medical emergency.

Signs and symptoms may include:

- Difficulty in breathing
- Wheeze or hoarse voice
- Difficulty in speech
- Swelling of the tongue or throat
- Rapid pulse
- Drop in blood pressure
- Dizziness or fainting
- Loss of consciousness

