The Evaluation of a Reported Penicillin Allergy During Pregnancy

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT:
Penicillin allergy is commonly reported, but most patients are actually tolerant. Rather than verifying a penicillin allergy, alternative antibiotics are used which have unintended consequences. Being labeled with a penicillin allergy during pregnancy has been associated with increased maternal and neonatal morbidity. Penicillin allergy verification testing can be safely performed during pregnancy, but is underutilized.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
At the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to:
1. Understand the potential consequences of an unverified penicillin allergy during pregnancy on maternal and neonatal outcomes.
2. Understand the role and indications for penicillin allergy verification testing (e.g. skin testing, oral challenge test) during pregnancy.
3. Familiarize themselves with the quality improvement initiative developed to educate maternity care providers and pregnant women, expedite referral to Allergy, and promote penicillin allergy verification testing during pregnancy.

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