

Hospital:

Anaesthetist:

Contact Number:

Date:

Dear

Patient label

I have discussed with you the possibility that you experienced an allergic drug reaction associated with your recent operation.

It is impossible to identify the substance (or allergen) to which you reacted without further testing. In the interests of your safety, I have referred you for specialist assessment and testing. The aim is to attempt to determine the agent which caused the reaction and guide alternative treatment provided by doctors who care for you in the future. In most cases skin testing is not performed until a number of weeks after your procedure to allow your body to fully recover from your reaction. For more information regarding anaphylaxis please refer to the brochure entitled "Anaesthetic Allergy: A Patient Information Leaflet". If you have not already received this leaflet you can obtain one from www.anzaag.com.

Until skin testing occurs you must carry this letter with you to allow doctors caring for you to be informed and plan your further management. This information will be particularly helpful to your anaesthetist should you need further surgery prior to testing.

Prior to your reaction the following drugs and skin preparations were used:

You will be contacted by the allergy testing clinic to arrange your skin testing. If you have not been contacted within 6 weeks please contact me on the number above. ***Please take this letter with you to the testing appointment.***

Yours sincerely,

Print or stamp anaesthetist/hospital contact details