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Dear Colleagues,

With the wonderful news that the major determinant of penicillin, PRE-PEN®, was approved by the FDA and will be manufactured by AllerQuest, LLC, of Plainville, CT, and distributed by ALK-Abello, of Round Rock, TX, it is important to recognize the AAAAI members who were instrumental in making PRE-PEN® available after a 5-year hiatus: Louis M. Mendelson, MD, FAAAAI, N. Franklin Adkinson, Jr., MD, FAAAAI, James D. Wolfe, MD, FAAAAI, and Charlotte Ressler, PhD, along with Richard Bauer, PhD, and Brendan Murphy, MBA. AAAAI staff helped as well, going back to 2004. Mendelson and Adkinson Jr., who are former AAAAI Board members, are recognized for their multiple important publications and leadership in the field of penicillin allergy.

PRE-PEN® will be available in single unit ampules. Using appropriate controls and expertise, a puncture (prick) skin test will be read in 15 minutes, with a positive result requiring a wheal of 5mm in diameter. If negative, or a wheal of 4mm or less, an intradermal test, raising a bleb of 3mm, is placed in duplicate. A positive result is at least a 5mm wheal after 20 minutes. See the package insert for specific instructions and additional information at www.pre-pen.com.

It is an understatement when Lou Mendelson says, "AllerQuest has invested significant time and resources to bring this important product back into the U.S. market..." The AAAAI recognizes and thanks AllerQuest and ALK-Abello for their exceptional efforts in bringing PRE-PEN® back onto the market. Our patients will benefit.

Sincerely,

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