

PENICILLIUM

Penicillin is an antibiotic that was initially discovered by Alexander Fleming in 1928 after he determined that the mold, *Penicillium*, produced a substance that could kill bacteria. It wasn't until 1941 when the drug was available for medical use. Prior to its discovery, many bacterial infections were untreatable as penicillin was one of the first antibiotics to be discovered. Even today it is still one of the most widely used antibiotic drugs.

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