

What are you allergic to?

I never thought I had allergies but I found out on Thursday last week at 2am the I'm allergic to Maxolon (Metoclopramide hydrochloride), a medication given to treat nausea and vomiting.

On the Monday I got my wisdom teeth removed and I thought I was fine. On Tuesday I found that my tongue was hanging out of my mouth. It would go back in and then later hang out again.

On the Wednesday my tongue refused to go back in all day and night.

Mum rang me to see how the recuperation was going and I couldn't talk at all. I was just moaning words (try holding your tongue and talk at the same time). My neck felt stiff and was bending backwards during the day. I was drooling all the time.

My mum came over and found me to fitting or something like that. She called for the ambulance.

In the accident and emergency (A&E) department the Dr thought I was having some sort of neuro problem. Going through the history of the event revealed that I had taken some Maxolon for nausea as I've done in the past. The light went on in the Dr's head and they gave me some Cogentin (benzatropine). They said that my symptoms of dystonia (sustained muscle contractions and abnormal postures) including the protruding tongue, could all be caused by Maxolon. A nasty side effect indeed.

It's really strange that I had never had a problem with Maxolon before. I guess I've got a new allergy.

I am still finding that my pupils are dilated and I get dizzy at times but I'm off to see the neurologist next week.