

Adding a coded allergy or adverse reactions

A Clinical by MedicalDirector cheat sheet

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Adding an Allergy or Adverse Reaction:

- 1. Open a patient record (F2).
- 2. Double-click on the Allergy panel in the patient demographic area at the top of the screen to go directly to the allergies and adverse reactions section.

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Allergies & Adverse	ACE INHIBITORS, ASPIRIN		^	
Reactions:			~	

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Allergies / Adverse Reactions			
Item	Reaction	Severity	Туре
ACE INHIBITORS	Cough	Mild	Adverse Reaction
ASPIRIN	Anaphylaxis	Life-Threatening	Allergy
No Known Allergies / Adverse Reactions		Add	Edit Delete
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- 3. Either tick the box if 'No Known Allergies/Adverse Reactions' or select the Add button.
- 4. Select a **Search** option: By Drug, By Class or Other (for non-medications).
- Enter the first few characters of the item into the Search field. As you type in a drug name or class, a list of names is displayed matching the search. Double click a name from the list to select it.
- 6. Enter the **Nature of Reaction** using free text (eg. cough, rash, nausea etc).
- 7. Select a **Reaction Type** (Allergy or Adverse Reaction).
- Add Allergy / Adverse Reaction \times Search O By Drug ALE INFIBITORS ALPHA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKERS ALUMINIUM HYDROXIDE AGENTS AMINOGLYCOSIDES ANGIOTENSIN II ANTAGONISTS By Class Other ANTACIDS ANTHRACYCLINES Cough Reaction Type Mild OK Cancel Moderately Severe Severe Life-Threatening
- 8. Select the **Severity** of the reaction from the dropdown list and click OK to save.

Note: You must use 'By Class' method or 'By Drug' method when searching and choose a name from the dropdown list (coding) to generate automatic alerts when a medication is prescribed. If you add a medication name via the 'Other' method, no automatic alerts will be triggered.