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Allergies can also be attached to a patient so users know of any adverse reactions to drugs, food, animals, materials, etc.

Adding an Allergy

1. Search for a patient.

2. Click **Show** to load a patient.

3. In the Menu, click **Alerts and Allergies**.

4. In the Allergies panel, click **New**.

   a. The Add New Allergy screen appears.

5. In the **Allergen** field, select the most appropriate allergen.

6. In the **Allergy Type** field, select the type of allergy.

7. In the **Severity** field, select the level of severity for the allergy.

8. In the **Active** field, select the checkbox to indicate that the allergy is currently active.

9. In the **Text** field, enter any other relevant notes relating to the allergy.

10. In the **Identified** field, select the date & time when the allergy was identified — leave blank to indicate the current date & time.

11. Click **Create Allergy** to save to the patient record.

Indicators in the Patient Banner

Alerts and Allergies

Alerts and Allergies can be added to the patient record. These will appear in the Banner for any users to see whilst in the patient's record. The colour of the Banner will change when an Alert or Allergy is first added to draw the user's attention. If additional / different lists are required, Alerts and Allergies can be configured in the Systems Administration section of CareRight.

Active Allergies

When an Allergy is active, it appears in the Patient Banner and can be viewed by clicking the ALLERGY label or the Allergy text in the Banner.

Recording a New Adverse Reaction

If a patient has a new adverse reaction to a recorded Allergy then you can record this information.

1. In the Allergies panel, click **Show** for the relevant allergy.
   a. Allergy details appear.
2. In the **Reaction** field, click **New**.
3. In the **Reaction Code** field, select the most appropriate allergic reaction that the patient is experiencing.
4. Click **Create Allergy reaction**.

Editing and/or Deactivating an Allergy

1. In the Allergies panel, click **Edit** for the relevant allergy.
2. Modify the **Allergy Type**, **Severity**, **Active** indicator, **Text** and/or **Identified** fields, as needed.
   a. <u>Note</u>: To make an allergy inactive, simply de-select the checkbox in the **Active** field.
3. Click **Update Allergy**.