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## Chapter 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Attestation Disclaimer

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## Chapter 2 Overview

The Allergies application is used to maintain a list of drug, food, and environmental allergens on the patient.

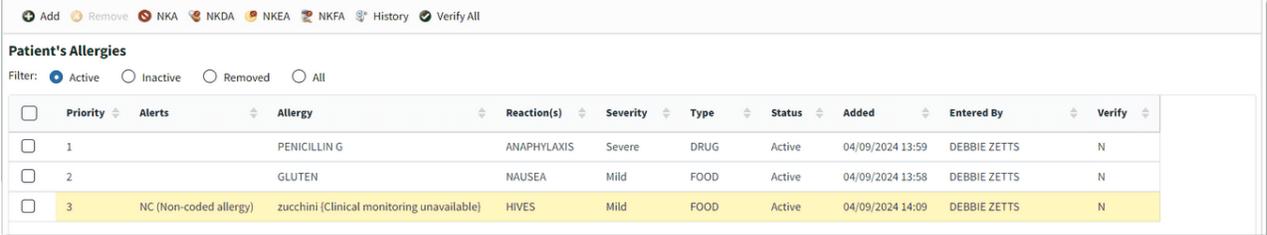
**NOTE:** *Facilities outside of the United States can choose a date format of MMDDYY, DDMMYY, or YYMMDD to be used throughout the Allergies application. Contact a TruBridge representative to change the date format, if desired.*

## Chapter 3 Allergies

### 3.1 View the Patient's Allergy List

When the Allergies application is accessed, any previously entered allergies on the patient will display.

Select **Charts > Select Patient > Allergies**



The screenshot shows the 'Patient's Allergies' interface. At the top, there are action buttons: Add, Remove, NKA, NKDA, NKEA, NKFA, History, and Verify All. Below these is a filter section with radio buttons for Active (selected), Inactive, Removed, and All. The main part of the interface is a table with the following columns: Priority, Alerts, Allergy, Reaction(s), Severity, Type, Status, Added, Entered By, and Verify. There are three rows of allergy data. The third row is highlighted in yellow.

Priority	Alerts	Allergy	Reaction(s)	Severity	Type	Status	Added	Entered By	Verify
1		PENICILLIN G	ANAPHYLAXIS	Severe	DRUG	Active	04/09/2024 13:59	DEBBIE ZETTS	N
2		GLUTEN	NAUSEA	Mild	FOOD	Active	04/09/2024 13:58	DEBBIE ZETTS	N
3	NC (Non-coded allergy)	zucchini (Clinical monitoring unavailable)	HIVES	Mild	FOOD	Active	04/09/2024 14:09	DEBBIE ZETTS	N

Patient's Allergy List

#### Allergy List

The patient's allergy list includes the following information on each allergy.

- **Priority:** The priority automatically or manually assigned to the allergy.
- **Alerts:** "NC (Non-Coded Allergy)" displays in this column for non-coded or free-text allergy entries. Non-coded allergies are also highlighted in yellow.
- **Allergy:** The description of the allergy entered on the patient.
- **Reaction(s):** The patient's reaction(s) to the allergen.
- **Severity:** The severity of the allergy.
- **Type:** The type of allergy.
- **Status:** The status of the allergy (**Active**, **Inactive**, or **Removed**).
- **Added:** The date and time the allergy was entered.
- **Entered By:** The name of the user who entered the allergy.
- **Verify:** The verification status of the allergy. **Y** indicates the allergy has been verified and **N** indicates the allergy has not been verified.

## Allergy List Filter Options

The patient's allergy list can be filtered to view **Active**, **Inactive**, **Removed**, or **All** allergies.

## Action Bar Options

The following options are available from the action bar:

- **Add**: Select to add an allergy.
- **Remove**: This option becomes active when an allergy is selected from the list. Select it to remove the allergy.
- **NKA**: Select to document that the patient has no known allergies.
- **NKDA**: Select to document that the patient has no known drug allergies.
- **NKEA**: Select to document that the patient has no known environmental allergies.
- **NKFA**: Select to document that the patient has no known food allergies.
- **History**: Select to view the patient's allergy history.
- **Verify All**: Select to verify all the patient's allergies.

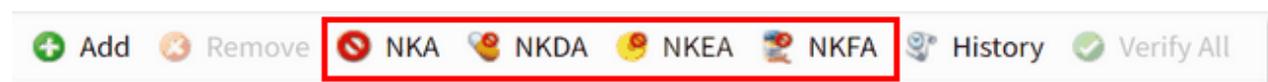
## 3.2 Verify Allergies

New allergies added during the current visit and any existing allergies entered on prior visits will have a status of **N** (not verified) in the Verify column on the Patient's Allergies screen.

- To verify individual allergies, double-click on the allergy, select **Verify**, and select **Save**.
- To verify all allergies, select **Verify All** in the action bar.

## 3.3 Document No Known Allergies

The **NKA (No Known Allergies)** or **NKDA (No Known Drug Allergies)**, **NKEA (No Known Environmental Allergies)**, and **NKFA (No Known Food Allergies)** options are used when the patient has no known allergies or no known allergies to drugs, environmental allergens, and/or food.



Action Bar - No Known Allergies

To document that a patient has "no known" allergies, select the appropriate option: **NKA**, **NKDA**, **NKEA**, or **NKFA**.

**NOTE:** If the patient has no drug allergies, the **NKDA (No Known Drug Allergies)** selection is required for Promoting Interoperability.

### 3.4 Add an Allergy

1. To add an allergy, select **Add**.



Action Bar - Add

2. In the **Search by Allergy Description** box, begin typing the allergy description. The search will display a list of possible matches from Micromedex®. Continue typing to narrow down the list.



Allergy Search

3. When you locate the desired allergen description, double-click to select it. The Allergy Edit screen displays.

The screenshot shows the 'Allergy Edit' form with the following fields and values:

- Allergy Name:** PENICILLIN G (with a magnifying glass icon)
- RxNorm Code:** 7980
- Allergy Type:** DRUG (dropdown menu)
- Status:** Active (dropdown menu)
- Priority:** 2 (text input)
- Reaction:** (empty dropdown menu and text input)
- Severity:** (empty dropdown menu)
- Source:** (empty dropdown menu)
- Onset Date:** (empty date picker)

At the top of the form, there are four action buttons: Save, Save and Add, Remove, and Verify.

Allergy Edit

#### 4. Make the necessary updates to the allergy information.

- The **Allergy Name** field displays the allergy description. To change the allergy name, select the magnifying glass and select the correct description.
- The **RxNorm Code** field displays the RxNorm Code when the allergy description is a medication.
- The **Allergy Type** field displays the allergy type associated with the allergy description from Micromedex®.
- The **Status** field defaults to Active. Use the drop-down to change the status of the allergy.
- The **Priority** field allows the user to define the priority of an allergy when there are multiple allergies documented. If the patient has more than one allergy documented, this field will indicate the order in which the allergy will display on the patient's allergy list. The default priority will always be the order in which each allergy was added. The priority can be changed by editing the number in the Priority field.
- In the **Reaction** field, use the drop-down and select a reaction from the list. Repeat to add additional reactions. Reactions display in the text box to the right of the Reaction drop-down field. To enter a free text reaction, type the reaction in the text box to the right of the Reaction drop-down field. To remove a reaction, highlight the text and press Delete on your keyboard.  
**NOTE:** The Reaction drop-down list displays the entries in **Tables > Clinical > Nursing > Allergy Reactions**.
- In the **Severity** field, use the drop-down to select the severity of the patient's reaction.

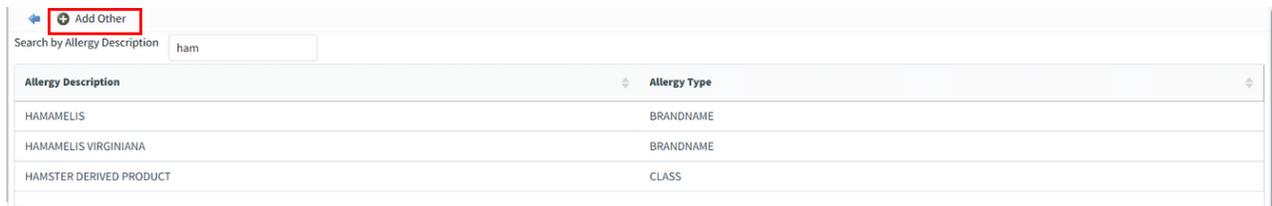
- In the **Source** field, use the drop-down to select the source of the allergy information. **NOTE:** The Source drop-down list displays the entries in **Tables > Clinical > Physician Application > Problem List Source**.
  - In the **Onset Date** field, enter the onset date of the allergy. The date can be selected from the calendar or entered manually in the mmddyyyy format.
5. Select **Save** to save the allergy information or **Save and Add** to save the allergy information and add another allergy.

**NOTE:** An allergy can be verified during the entry process by selecting **Verify** in the action bar.

### Add a Free Text Allergy

If the patient has an allergy that cannot be located in the search, a free text allergy can be entered.

1. To enter a free text allergy, select **Add Other**.

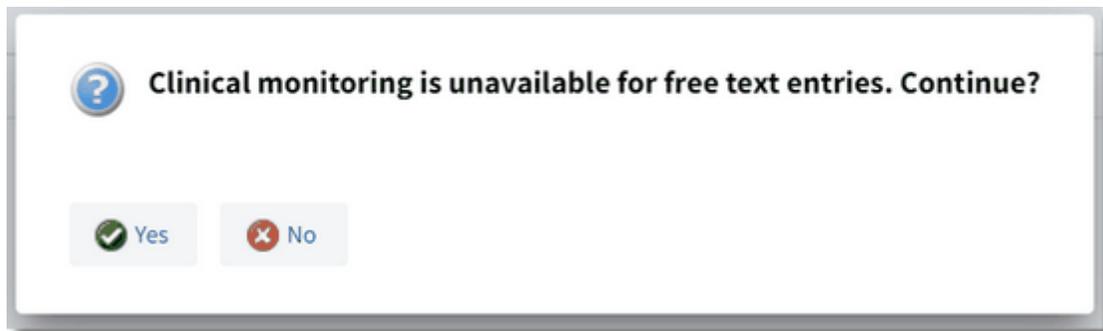


The screenshot shows a search interface for allergies. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search by Allergy Description" and a search input field containing "ham". To the left of the search bar is a button labeled "Add Other" with a plus icon, which is highlighted with a red box. Below the search bar is a table with two columns: "Allergy Description" and "Allergy Type". The table contains three rows of data:

Allergy Description	Allergy Type
HAMAMELIS	BRANDNAME
HAMAMELIS VIRGINIANA	BRANDNAME
HAMSTER DERIVED PRODUCT	CLASS

**Add Other - Free Text Allergy**

2. A message displays alerting the user that clinical monitoring is unavailable for free text entries. Select **Yes** to continue.



**Free Text Allergy Message**

3. The Allergy Edit screen displays.



The screenshot shows the 'Allergy Edit' screen with the following fields and controls:

- Navigation: Back, Save, Save and Add, Remove, Verify
- Allergy Edit** (Section Header)
- Allergy Name: Searchable text input field
- RxNorm Code: Text input field
- Allergy Type: Drop-down menu (selected: DRUG)
- Status: Drop-down menu (selected: Active)
- Priority: Text input field (value: 4)
- Reaction: Drop-down menu and adjacent text input field
- Severity: Drop-down menu
- Source: Drop-down menu
- Onset Date: Text input field with a calendar icon

**Allergy Edit**

4. Make the necessary updates to the allergy information.

- In the **Allergy Name** field, enter the allergy description.
- In the **Allergy Type** field, use the drop-down to select the allergy type from the list.
- The **Status** field defaults to Active. Use the drop-down to change the status of the allergy, if necessary.
- The **Priority** field allows the user to define the priority of the allergy when there are multiple allergies documented. If the patient has more than one allergy documented, this field will indicate the order in which the allergy will display on the patient's allergy list. The default priority will always be the order in which the allergy was added. To change the priority, edit the number in this field.
- In the **Reaction** field, use the drop-down and select a reaction from the list. Repeat to add additional reactions. The selected reactions display in the text box to the right of the Reaction drop-down field. To enter a free text reaction, type the reaction in the text box to the right of the Reaction drop-down field. To remove a reaction, highlight the text and press Delete on your keyboard.
- In the **Severity** field, use the drop-down and select the severity of the patient's reaction.
- In the **Source** field, use the drop-down to select the source of the allergy information.
- In the **Onset Date** field, enter the onset date of the allergy. The date can be selected from the calendar or entered manually in the mmddyyyy format.

5. Select **Save** to save the allergy information or **Save and Add** to save the allergy information and add another allergy.

**NOTE:** Non-coded allergies will display on the patient's allergy list highlighted in yellow and "NC (Non-Coded Allergy)" will display in the **Alerts** column.

### 3.5 Edit an Allergy

1. To edit an allergy, double-click the allergy entry on the patient's allergy list.
2. The Allergy Edit screen displays. Make the necessary changes to the allergy information.

Allergy Edit

3. Select **Save** to save the changes or **Save and Add** to save the changes and add another allergy.

### 3.6 Remove an Allergy

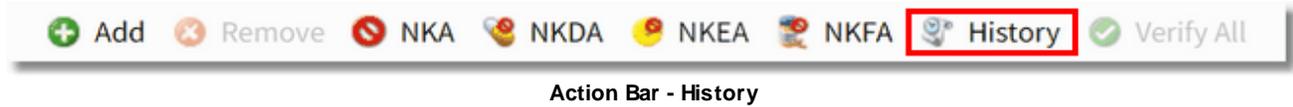
To remove an allergy, select (highlight) the allergy on the patient's allergies list and select **Remove**.

Priority	Allergy	Reaction(s)	Severity	Type	Status	Added	Entered By	Verify
1	GLUTEN	NAUSEA	Mild	FOOD	Active	01/18/2024 13:55	DEBBIE ZETTS	Y
2	PENICILLIN G	ANAPHYLAXIS	Severe	DRUG	Active	01/18/2024 13:56	DEBBIE ZETTS	Y
3	No Known Environmental Allergies				Active	02/12/2024 09:28	POC 25	Y

Patient's Allergies - Remove

### 3.7 Allergy History

To view the patient's allergy history, select **History**.



Action Bar - History

The Patient's Allergy History displays.

#### Patient's Allergy History

Filter:  Removed Only

Date/Time	Entered By	Action
01/18/2024 14:18	DEBBIE ZETTS	No Known Environmental Allergies allergy added
01/18/2024 14:19	DEBBIE ZETTS	GLUTEN allergy added
01/18/2024 14:19	DEBBIE ZETTS	DIARRHEA reaction added to GLUTEN allergy
01/18/2024 14:19	DEBBIE ZETTS	PENICILLIN G allergy added
01/18/2024 14:19	DEBBIE ZETTS	ANAPHYLAXIS reaction added to PENICILLIN G allergy
01/18/2024 14:20	DEBBIE ZETTS	No Known Environmental Allergies allergy verified
01/18/2024 14:20	DEBBIE ZETTS	GLUTEN allergy verified
01/18/2024 14:20	DEBBIE ZETTS	DIARRHEA reaction to GLUTEN allergy verified
01/18/2024 14:20	DEBBIE ZETTS	PENICILLIN G allergy verified
01/18/2024 14:20	DEBBIE ZETTS	ANAPHYLAXIS reaction to PENICILLIN G allergy verified
01/18/2024 14:20	DEBBIE ZETTS	All allergy information verified.

Patient's Allergy History

#### Allergy History

The Patient's Allergy History screen displays the following information:

- **Date/Time:** The date and time of the action.
- **Entered By:** The name of the user who took the action.
- **Action:** An explanation of the action taken on the allergy (e.g., added, removed, verified).

### Allergy History Filter Options

The allergy history list can be filtered to view allergies that are **Removed Only**.