



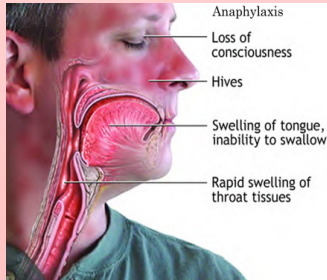
ALLERGIES AND ADVERSE DRUG REACTION

Cases were reported where patients suffers from serious harm following ordering/administration of medication that patients is allergic to. In order to prevent such incidences, this alert is issued to increase the staff awareness for proper assessment and documentation of patient allergic history

Definition:

Allergy: A state of hypersensitivity induced by exposure to a particular allergen resulting in a harmful immunological reaction on subsequent exposures.

Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR): A response to a drug, which is unintended, undesired based on the judgment of the healthcare professional.



Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause **death**. It typically causes the following: an itchy rash, throat or tongue swelling, shortness of breath, vomiting, lightheadedness, and low blood pressure.

Allergy Assessment

- ◆ Health Care Provider **shall** verify / check the patient allergy status with the **patient / guardian**:
- In every Patient **ENCOUNTER/VISIT to the hospital**.
- Prior to **prescribing, dispensing and administering** any medication.
- ◆ For patients with a history of allergies, the assessment of allergy status shall include:
 - ✓ The substance causing allergy;
 - ✓ Symptoms experienced after exposure to the allergen;
 - ✓ Severity of the reaction
 - ✓ Date of onset (if known)

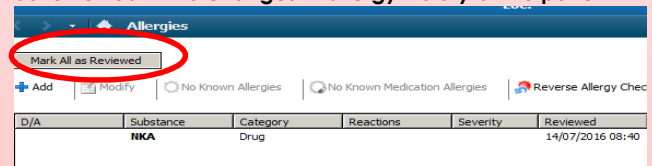
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regarding allergy **shall** be provided by the Health Care Provider to the patient when verifying / checking their allergy status.

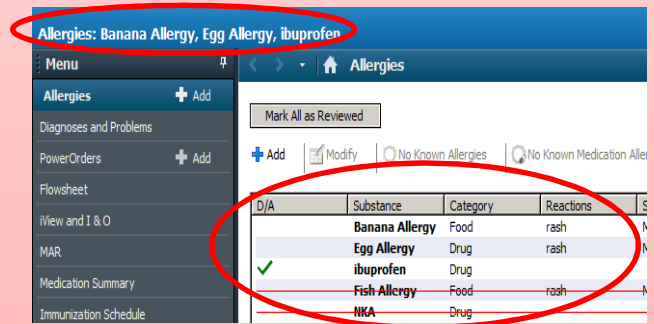
Documentation is important!!

Physicians, nurses, pharmacists and dieticians are expected to review and document allergies when identified.

- The term "NKA" is only entered if it is confirmed that patient has **NO KNOWN ALLERGY**
- To document Patient's **ALLERGY STATUS** in every **ENCOUNTER/VISIT**, the **MEDICAL TEAM** should Click on "Mark all as reviewed" if **no changes in allergy history of the patient**



- Health care providers document the allergy or adverse drug reaction and the reaction symptoms in ICIS



- The prescriber must review the patient allergy status in ICIS **before prescribing or administering** any medication.
- **Before discharging** the patient, **THE PHYSICIAN** should document patient allergy status in the discharge form.
- Health care providers must **ENSURE** the application of an **Allergy Alert sticker** (or an updated Allergy Alert sticker) to the front of the patient's paper medical record

Create a Safe Work Environment!!

Update Patient Medical Record when new allergy is identified
Notify the prescribing physician if new allergies and/or adverse Drug reactions (ADR).

Reference

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