

# Entering Allergies

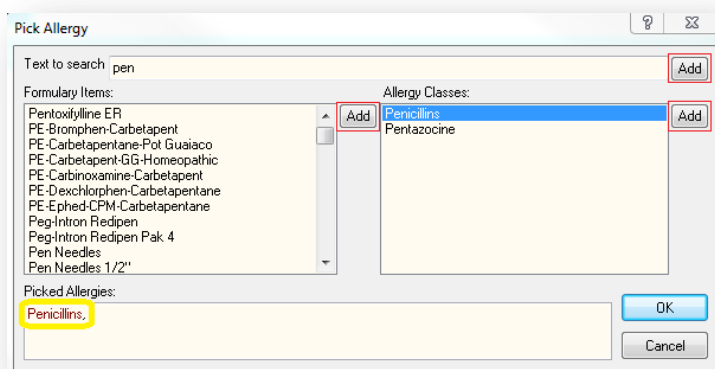
Welcome to American Data CARES, the online resource for all your ECS needs. This handout may be read independently or in conjunction with the corresponding video [Entering Allergies](#) in our American Data CARES library. This handout will cover *how to enter allergies into ECS*. If after reviewing this material, you need further assistance, please contact [clinical@american-data.com](mailto:clinical@american-data.com) or 800-464-9942.

## Allergy Requirements

- Each chart must contain drug allergy information. If there are **No Known Drug Allergies**, this must be clear in the chart as well.
- Each allergy must be documented in its own entry.
- Each allergy entry must include information regarding the severity/type and the nature of the reaction.

## Entering Drug Allergies

1. From the Physician Orders Access screen, select a resident's name and click **Allergies**. A documentation screen will load.
2. Select the **ALLERGIES:** word. The Pick Allergy window appears. Start typing the allergy in the 'Text to Search' area. The more you type, the more you will narrow down the list of available options. Drugs, drug ingredients, and products will appear in the Formulary Items fields on the left side of the screen. Drug/Allergy categories will be displayed in the Allergy Classes field on the right side of the screen.



Pick Allergy

Text to search: pen Add

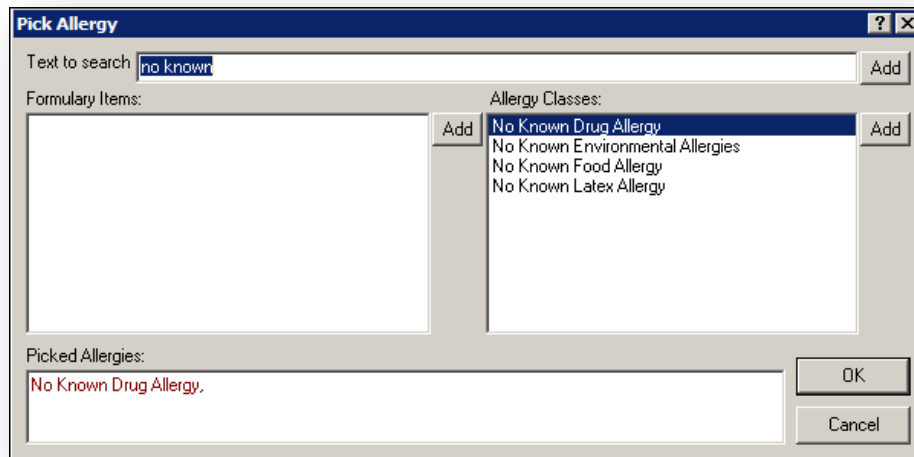
Formulary Items:	Allergy Classes:
Pentoxifylline ER	Penicillins <span>Add</span>
PE-Bromphen-Carbetapent	Pentazocine
PE-Carbetapentane-Pot Guaiaco	
PE-Carbetapent-GG-Homeopathic	
PE-Carbinoxamine-Carbetapent	
PE-Dexchlorphen-Carbetapentane	
PE-Ephed-CPM-Carbetapentane	
Peg-Intron Redipen	
Peg-Intron Redipen Pak 4	
Pen Needles	
Pen Needles 1/2"	

Picked Allergies: Penicillins OK Cancel

3. Select an item from either list and click **Add** to the right of the corresponding field. The item is displayed at the bottom of the form in the Picked Allergies area. If no match is found in the formulary, you may select **Add** by the ‘Text to Search’ area.
  - When a medication is selected from the field on the left side, its ingredients will be displayed in the field on the right side. You may choose from either list.
  - We encourage you to select an ingredient (e.g., Salicylates) or drug class instead of selecting specific medications (e.g., Aspirin) to narrow the allergy to the specific substance to which the resident is allergic.
4. Click **OK** to close the Pick Allergy window.
5. Document the reaction (e.g., rash, anaphylactic shock). If reaction is unknown, type ‘unknown.’
6. A window appears with a list of **severity/type** options. Select one and click **OK**.
7. Repeat steps 2 – 6 for additional allergies.
8. Click **Sign** to save the entry or entries and return to the Physician Orders Access screen.

\* If you are electronically prescribing orders, note that food and environmental allergies are not considered; even if a resident has a food or environmental allergy documented and has no drug allergies, the record must contain an entry for “No Known Drug Allergies.”

\* In the event the resident has no known allergies, enter this into the allergies form. In this instance, document the ‘Reaction’ as N/A and ‘Severity/Type’ as N/A.



## Entering Non-Med Allergies

Environmental allergies such as latex and plastic can be found in the Medi-Span formulary and can be located in the same way medications are, above. However, food allergies are not part of the Medi-Span formulary and are entered as follows:

1. Select the **ALLERGIES:** word. The Pick Allergy window appears. Type the entire name of the food/allergen in the 'Text to Search' area.
2. Select **Add** by the 'Text to Search' area to add the allergy to the 'Picked Allergies:' area.
3. Click OK to proceed with the rest of the entry.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about [how to enter allergies into ECS](#). Please check out other videos and documentation for more great information about ECS!