



Clinical Alerts – the importance of reporting

Clinical Alert: A condition which has the potential to be of critical importance to a patient’s management during the first 24 hours of their admission to hospital.

Steps to report a new Clinical Alert

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Identification of a new clinical alert

– by doctors, nurses, pharmacists and clinical coders

Examples of clinical alerts:

- **Medication:** Serious/life threatening adverse drug reaction (ADR) – e.g. anaphylaxis, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome
- **Medical:** e.g. Pacemaker insertion, myasthenia gravis, asplenia, advanced health directive
- **Anaesthetic:** e.g. difficult intubation, malignant hyperthermia

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Document on your hospital’s MRALERT2 form

- Complete the form by selecting the appropriate clinical alert code (ONE condition only per form).
- Submit the completed paper form to the ward clerk.

Clinical alerts should also be documented:

- in the patient’s medical record
- on the WA Hospital Medication Chart for ADRs
- in the discharge summary (NaCS).

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Approved clinical alerts are added to web PAS/TOPAS (by clerical staff)

- The submitted clinical alert is reviewed by the Clinical Alert Committee which will either ‘Approve’ or ‘Reject’ the submission.

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How to access the patient’s clinical alert information

- Clinical alerts will appear in iSoft Clinical Manager with ‘MEDALERT EXISTS FOR THIS PATIENT’ appearing on patient profile.
- Details can be viewed by selecting ‘Allergy/Comments’ when on the ‘Patient Info’ tab.

Type	Allergy	Reaction	Confidence Level	Info Source	Status	Entered Date
No privilege to view						

Type	Comment	Scope	Status	Entered Date
FINANCIAL_CLASS	PUBLIC	This Visit	Active	27-Jun-2016 13:...
EMP_STATUS	Primary Student	This Visit	Active	18-Aug-2016 10...
MRSA_UPDATE	NO	This Visit	Active	18-Aug-2016 10...
ALLERGIES	NO REACTIONS	This Visit	Active	18-Aug-2016 10...
HEADER1	MEDALERT EXISTS FOR THIS PATIENT	General	Active	21-Sep-2015 09...
MEDALERT	G6PD DEFICIENCY: This patient has G6PD deficiency - w...	General	Active	21-Sep-2015 09...
INTERPRET	CONFUSION	General	Active	20-Sep-2014 12...
MEDICARE_NO	6247501232-3	General	Active	17-Mar-2016 14...