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Allergy Recording



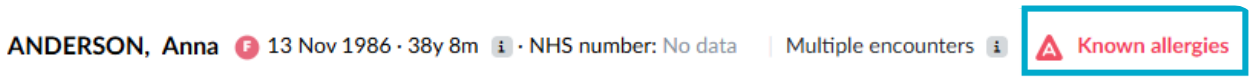
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A patients Allergy Status can be seen and accessed in several places:

From the Patient screen once selected, or in ‘Allergies’ module

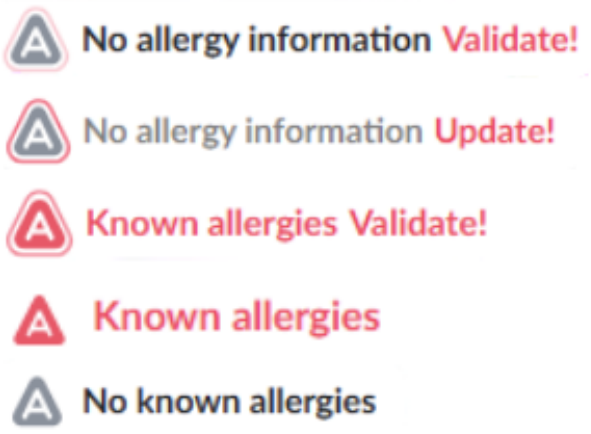


From the Patient MAR chart, once opened

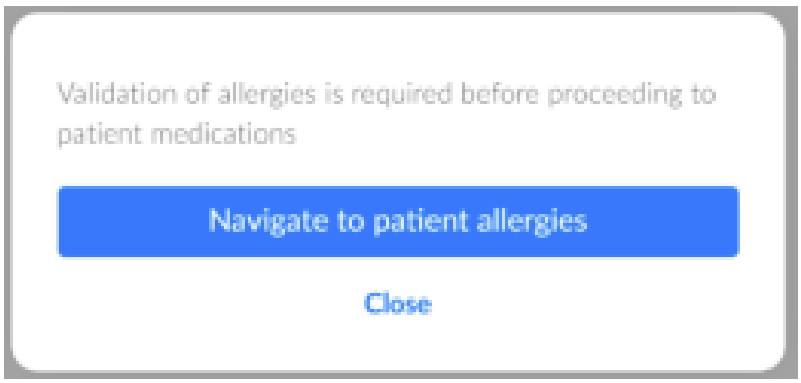


Allergy Status’ can appear as:

No allergy information Validate! - No allergy information Update! - Known Allergies Validate! - Known Allergies - No Known Allergies



If the Allergy status is ‘No allergy information Validate!/Known Allergy Validate!’ the system will not allow you to prescribe any medications until the patient’s Allergy Status has been updated. Attempting to access the Medications MODULE will give the following warning message:

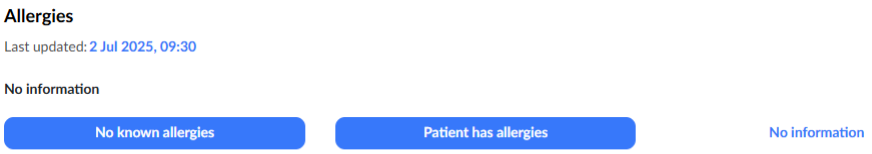


Clicking the Navigate to patient allergies blue bar will take you to the Allergies Module, where you can add and edit the patients allergy information. Alternatively clicking ‘Close’ will take you back to the patients record, where you can open the ‘Allergies’ module to update allergy details accordingly.

Once you have navigated to patient allergies/or clicked the Allergies module, you will be taken to the allergies page. To update allegry information click the ‘Update’ button.



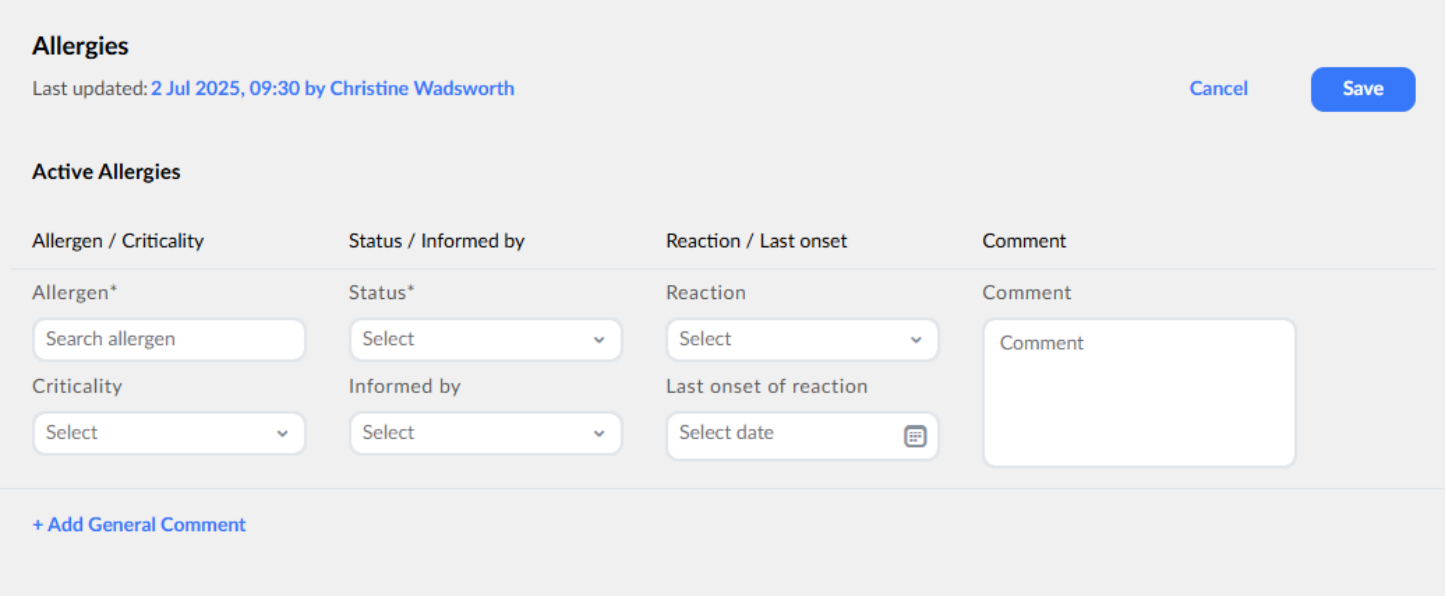
From here, you can select ‘No known allergies’, ‘Patent has allergies’, or ‘No information’ (if no allergy information is available).



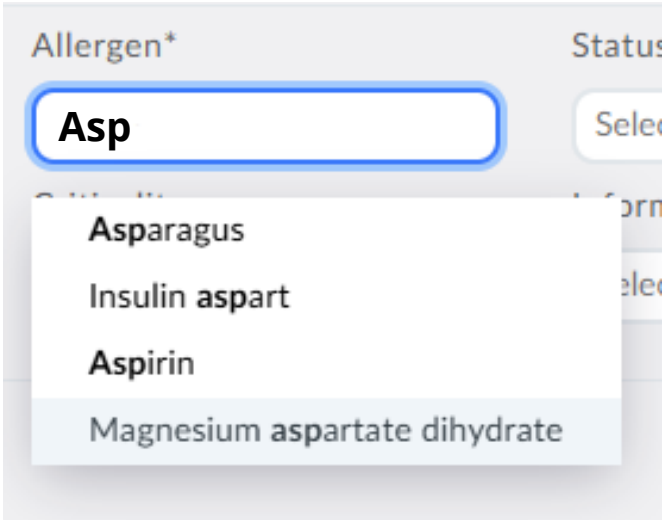
If you believe that the patient has no known allergies, then click the 'No known allergies blue bar'.
This will immediately update the status of the patient's record

If the patient does have allergies, then click the 'Patient has allergies' blue bar. The Allergies screen will then open for you to complete accordingly.

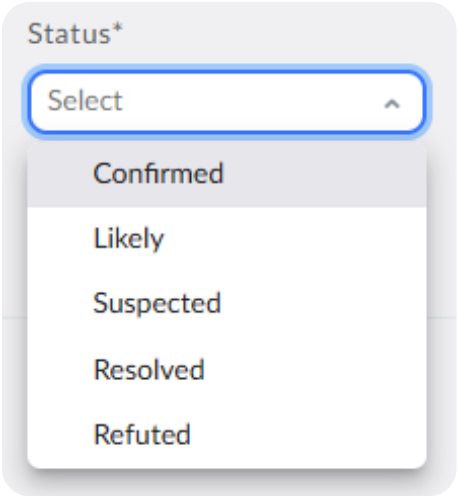
Note: Fields headings with an asterix i.e. Allergen* are compulsory and must be completed before clicking 'Save'



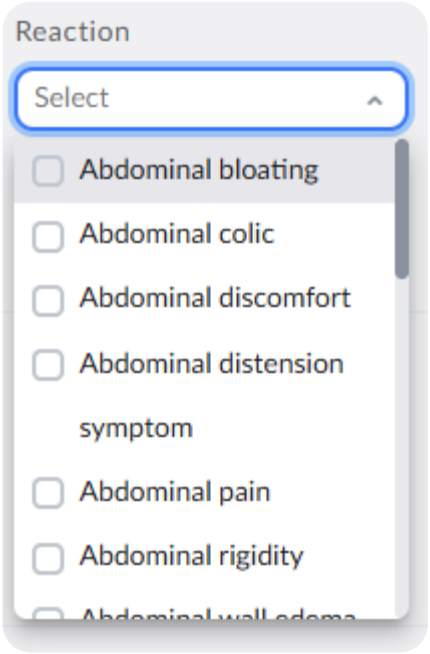
Typing a few characters of the allergen will allow you to select desired allergy from a list of suggestions



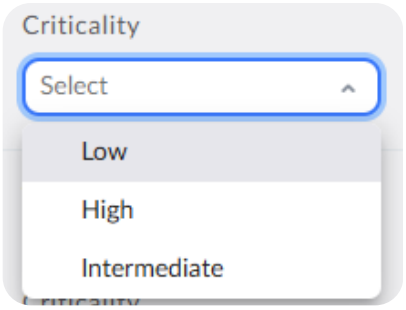
Status must be selected from a list of drop down options



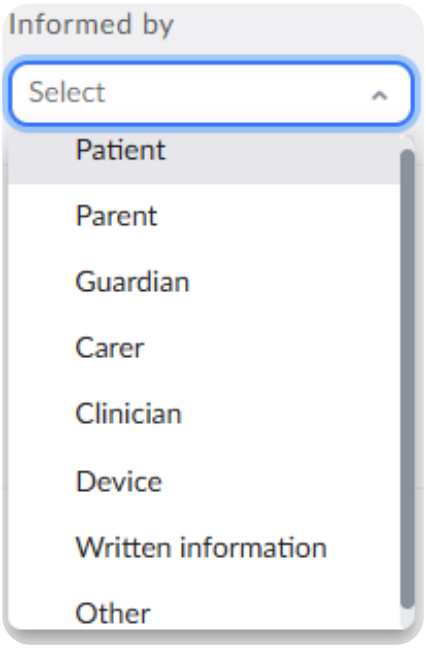
Reaction/s can be selected from a comprehensive, alphabetically sorted check box menu (more than one reaction can be selected).



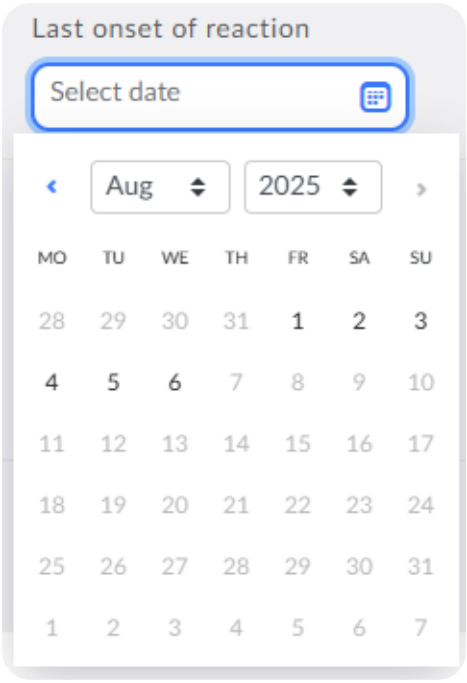
Criticality options can be selected as Low, Medium or High.



Informed by provides a comprehensive list of selectable options

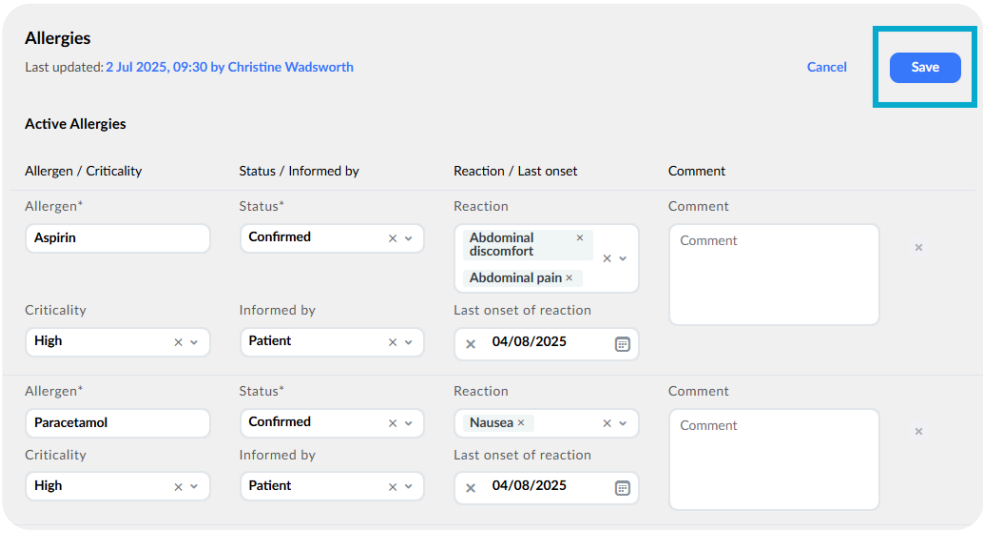


Last onset of reaction allows you to either manually add a date, or select the calendar icon to select a date

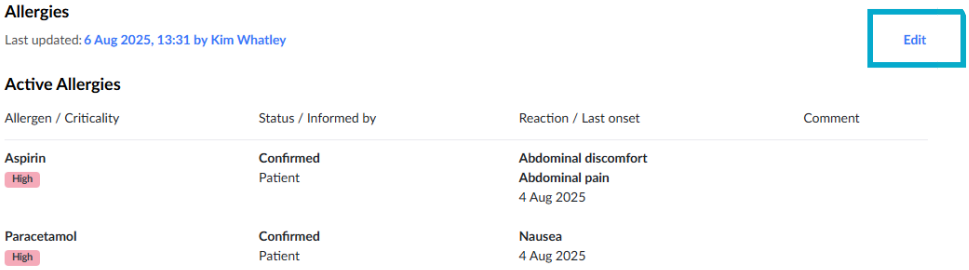


There is also a free text comments section, should you need to use it to record any further information.

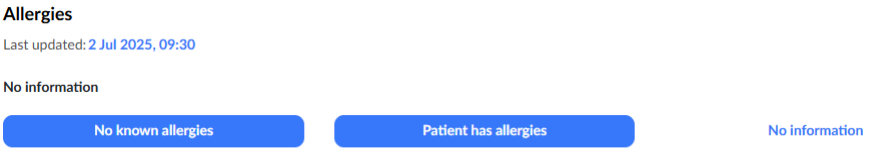
Once you are satisfied that allergy information is updated accordingly, select ‘Save’.



Should you need to go back and add/edit allergies, you can action by selecting the ‘Edit’ button within the allergies window.

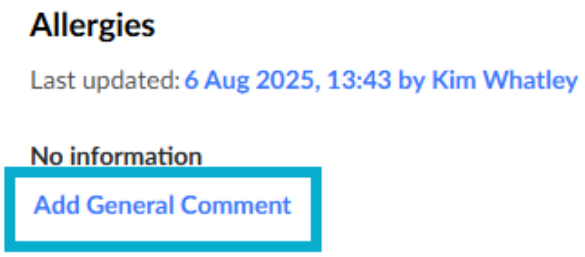


Clicking ‘No Information’ will give the patient an Allergy status of ‘No allergy information Update!’. This status <u>will</u> allow medication to be prescribed, therefore it must be used with great caution.

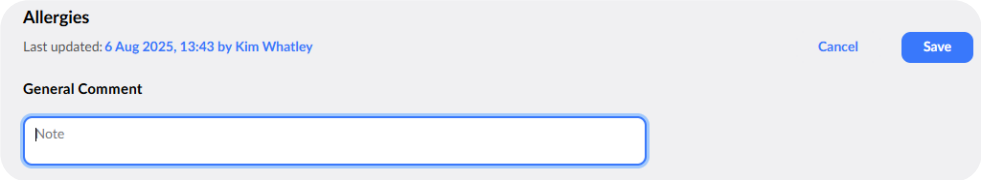


If this status is used, it is advisable to use the ‘Add General Comment’ option, to explain why this option has been used.

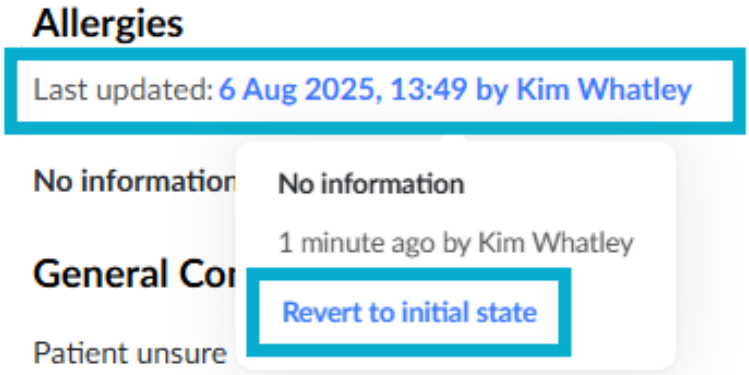
To add a comment to a ‘No Information’ selection, click on the ‘Add General Comment’ heading.



A ‘General Comment’ free text box will appear, for you to add your comment. Once you are satisfied with your comment, click ‘Save’.

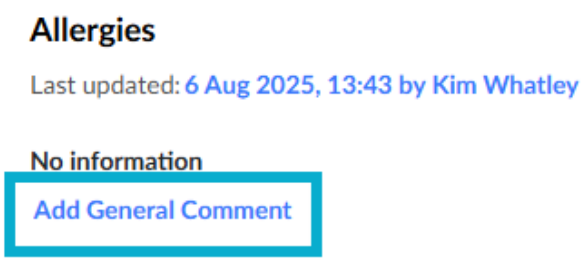


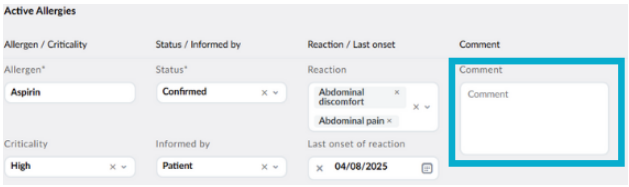
If you want to remove this ‘General comment’, go back into the ‘Allergies’ module and click on the Last updated information. This will give you access to select the ‘Revert to initial state’ heading.



Selecting this option will revert back to the initial screen, where you can choose ‘No known allergies’, ‘Patient has allergies’ or ‘No information’.

Note: +Add general Comment is used for a general note, whereas the Comment section within the 'Active Allergies' recording window is for a comment relevant to a specific Allergen.

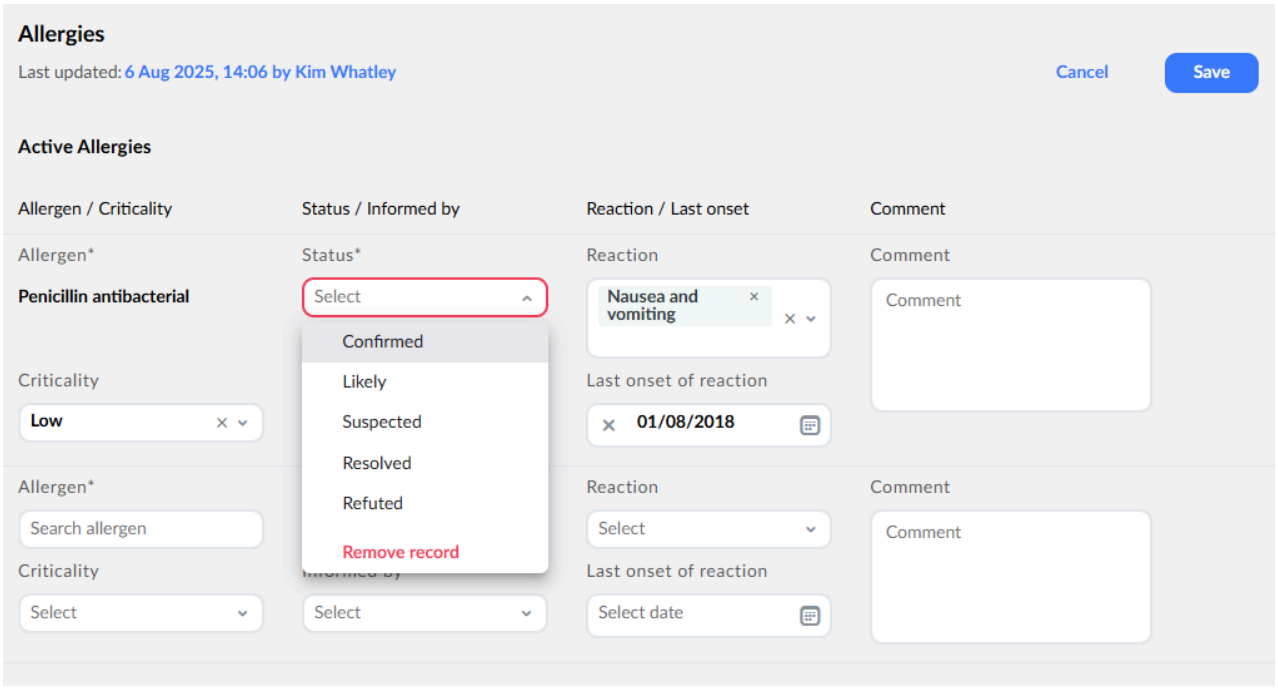




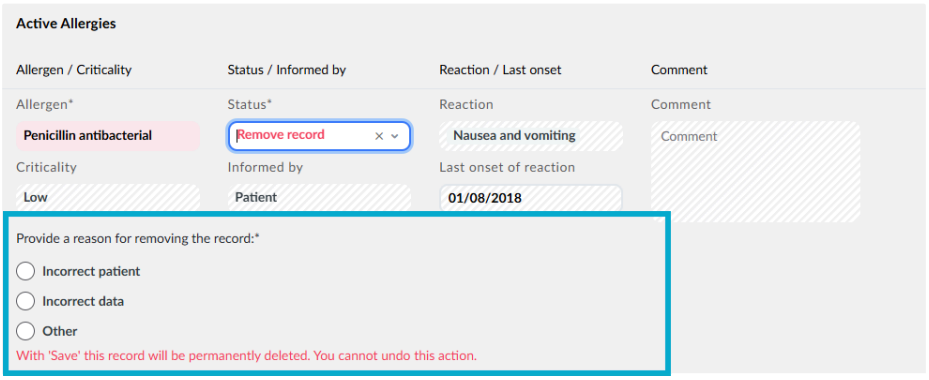
Once allergy information has been saved, it displays in the 'Allergy Module', where it can be edited by clicking 'Edit'. This will allow all information to be amended.

Note : Always remember to Save your changes.

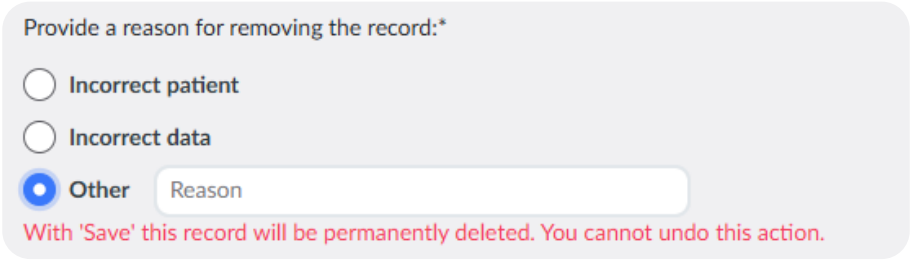
If you wish to completely remove an allergy entry, in 'Edit' mode, an extra Remove record status becomes available.



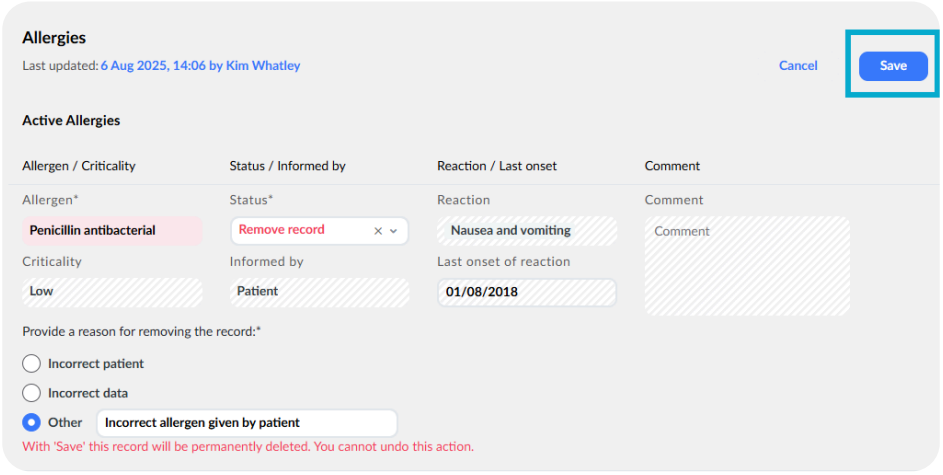
Selecting this option, forces you to enter a reason for the removal via three radio buttons for Incorrect Patient, Incorrect data and Other



If the reason selected is 'Other' a reason box will appear for you to populate.



Once you are satisfied with your entry, click 'Save' at the top of the screen.



Once an allergy has been Removed, it can be viewed again by clicking Show next to Removed Records in the Allergies Module.

