

Linking Incident Records to Adverse Reaction Records

Incidents that are associated with a reported adverse reaction must be entered in NHSN. Once the incident is entered, it must be linked to the adverse reaction using the “Link/Unlink To Incidents” button on the Adverse Reaction form.

1 On the **Add Incident** screen, enter the **Patient ID** of the patient that experienced an adverse reaction.

*Incident result: 1 - Product transfused; reaction
*Product action: (check all that apply):
 Not applicable
 Product retrieved and returned to inventory
 Product retrieved and destroyed
 Product issued but not transfused
 Product transfused
*Was a patient reaction associated with this incident? Y - Yes
Patients
*Patient ID
A1234
Add Row
*Record/other action: (check all that apply)

Incident Form

2 On the **Add Adverse Reaction** screen, enter the **Patient ID**.

Reaction
Add
Find
Incomplete
Denominator
Analysis
Surveys
Users
Facility
Group
Log Out
Mandatory fields are indicated with an asterisk. Conditionally required fields marked with ^.
Patient Information HELP
Facility ID *: NHSN Test KWC Memorial (ID 24976)
Patient ID *: A1234 Find Find Re
Secondary ID:
Last Name:
Middle Name:
Reaction Details HELP
* Date reaction occurred: 08/01/2014
* Time reaction occurred: 12:00 (HH:MM) Time unk
* Facility location where patient was transfused: ICU-EAST - EAST WARD ICU
Link/Unlink To Incidents Reaction is not Linked
* Signs and symptoms, laboratory: (check all that apply)

Adverse Reaction Form

3 Click the **Link/Unlink To Incidents** button to link the adverse reaction to the incident.

Continue →

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On the **Incident Link List** screen, check all the Incident records that are associated with the adverse reaction and click the **Link/Unlink** button.

Check all that apply	Incident #	Patient ID	Date incident occurred	Where in the process the incident first occurred	Incident code
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12715		08/01/2014		

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On the **Add Adverse Reaction** screen, **Reaction is Linked** will appear next to the **Link/Unlink To Incidents** button.

* Time reaction occurred: 12 : 00 (HH:MM) Time unknown

* Facility location where patient was transfused: ICU-EAST - EAST WARD ICU

Link/Unlink To Incidents **Reaction is Linked**

* Signs and symptoms, laboratory: (check all that apply)

Generalized: Chills/rigors

Important Tips:

- The Incident record must be entered before it can be linked to the Adverse Reaction form.
- The **Patient ID** must be the same on both the Incident form and Adverse Reaction form.
- It is recommended that facilities use a standard facility identification code for **Patient ID** (e.g., medical record number).

Biovigilance Component website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/bio-hemo/index.html>

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