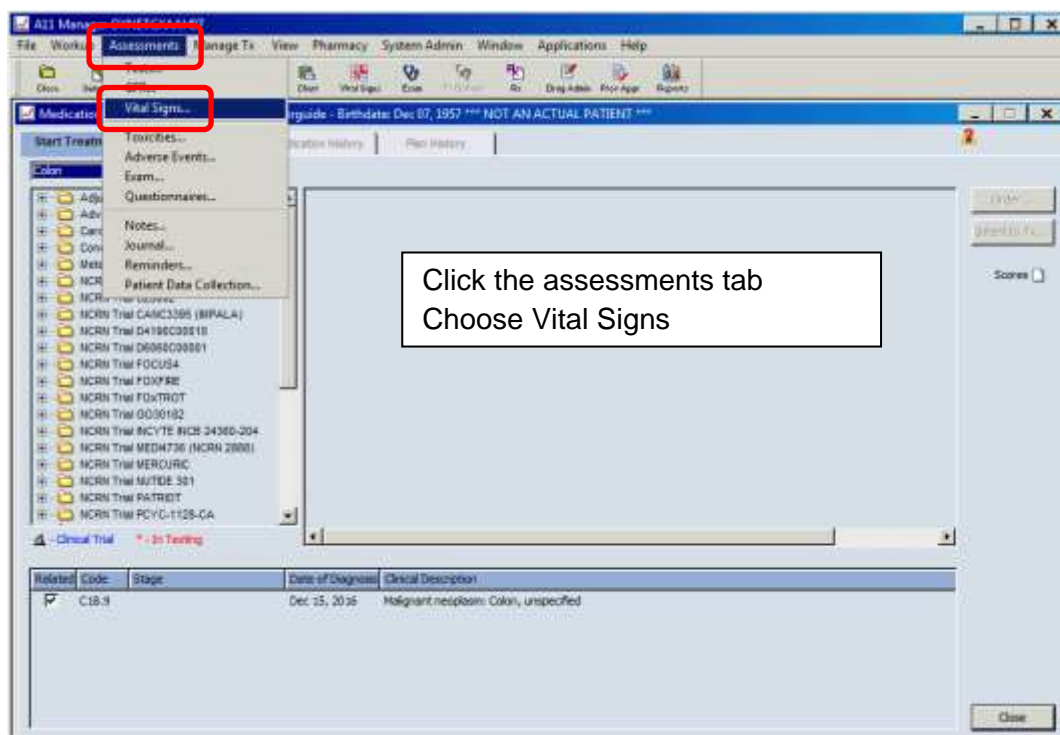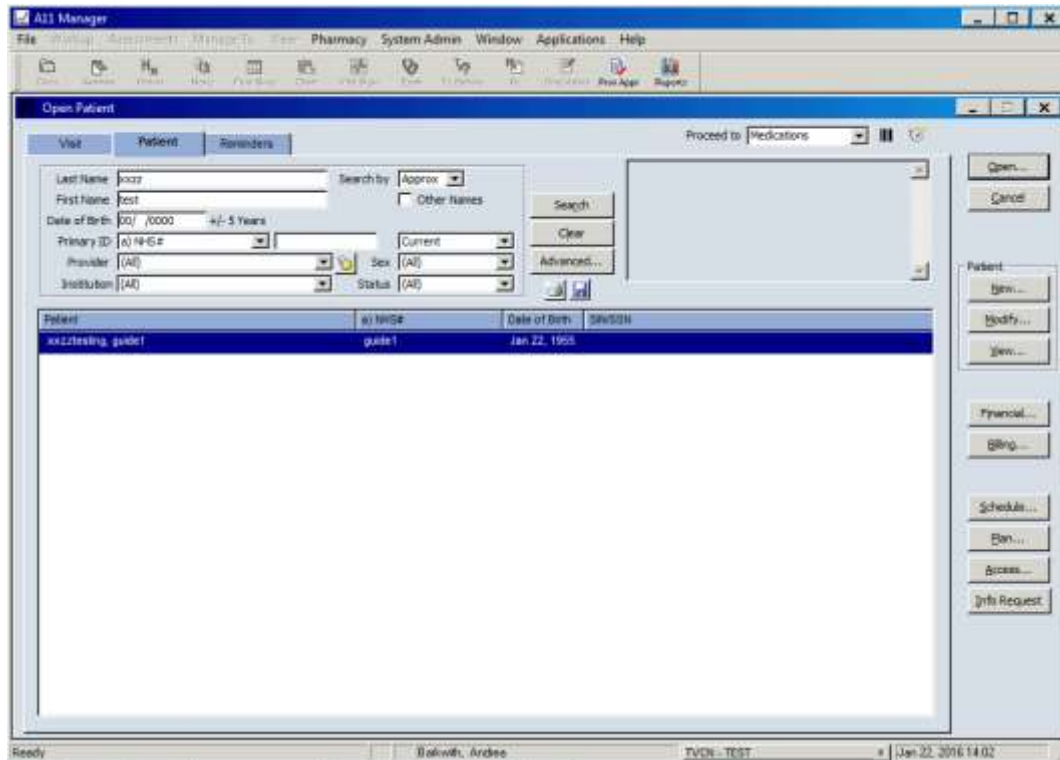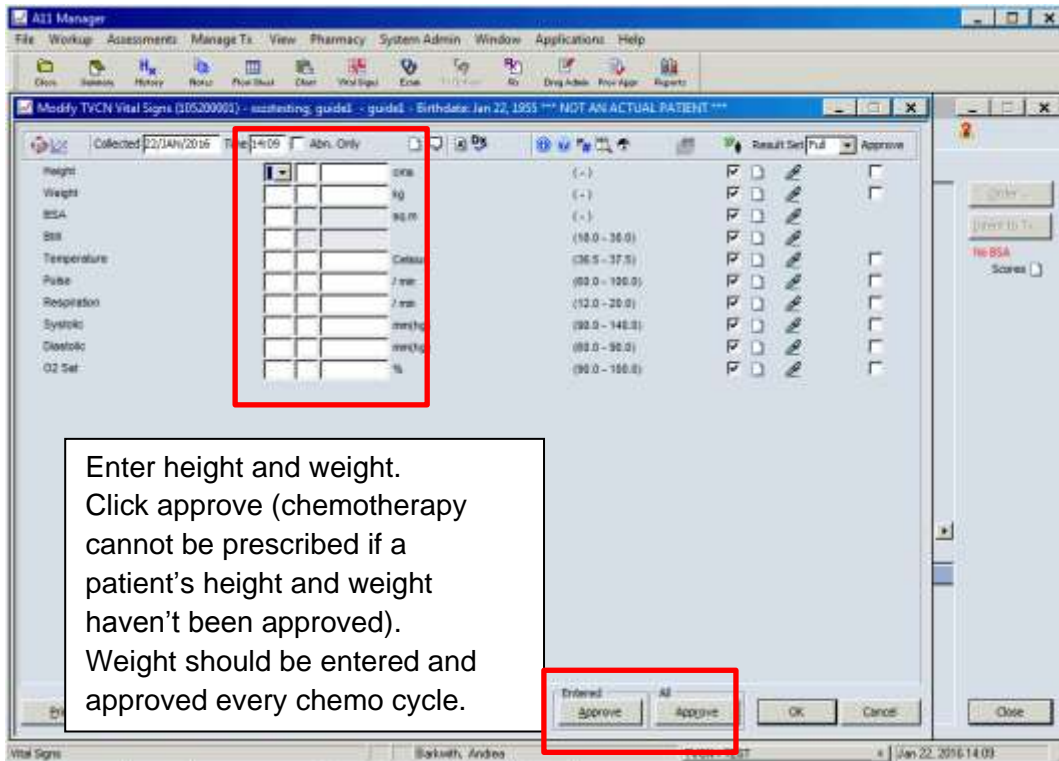# Thames Valley Cancer Network NHS

Aria e-prescribing A13 guide

Entering patient vital signs, allergies, performance status and toxicities

Vital Signs (including height and weight)

Find your patient and open their record by double clicking when highlighted
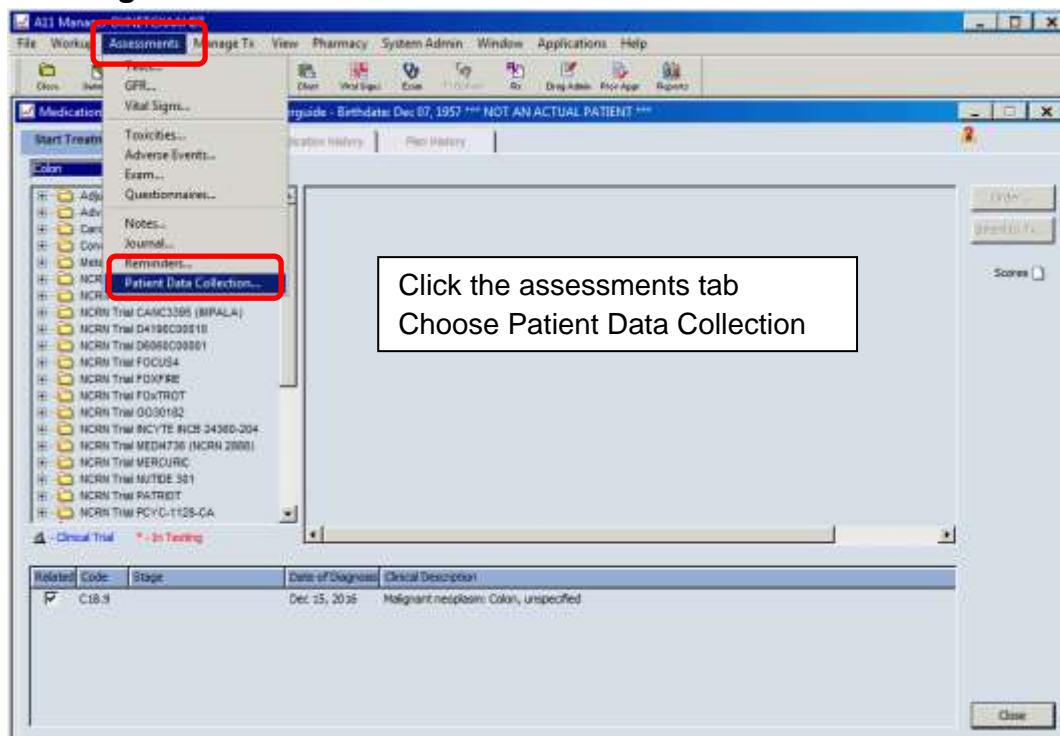

Click the assessments tab
Choose Vital Signs

Enter height and weight.
Click approve (chemotherapy cannot be prescribed if a patient's height and weight haven't been approved).
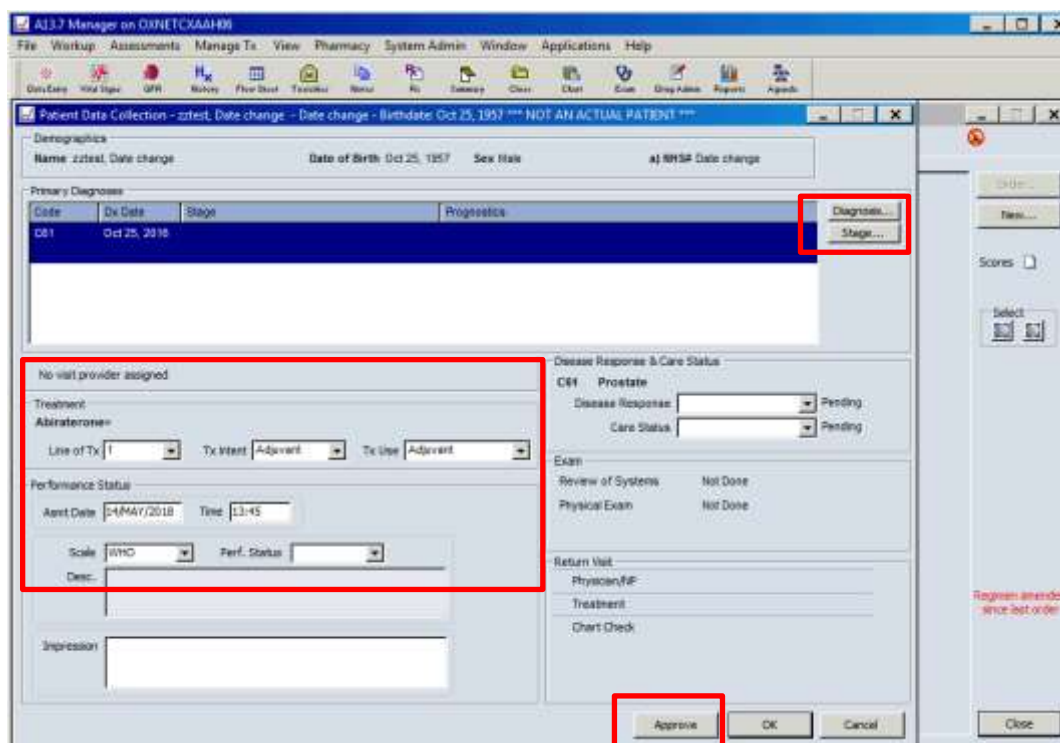Weight should be entered and approved every chemo cycle.

NB the system will change the BSA if the weight changes by >10%.
Ensure that the weight is entered each time the patient is weighed (every cycle of chemotherapy).
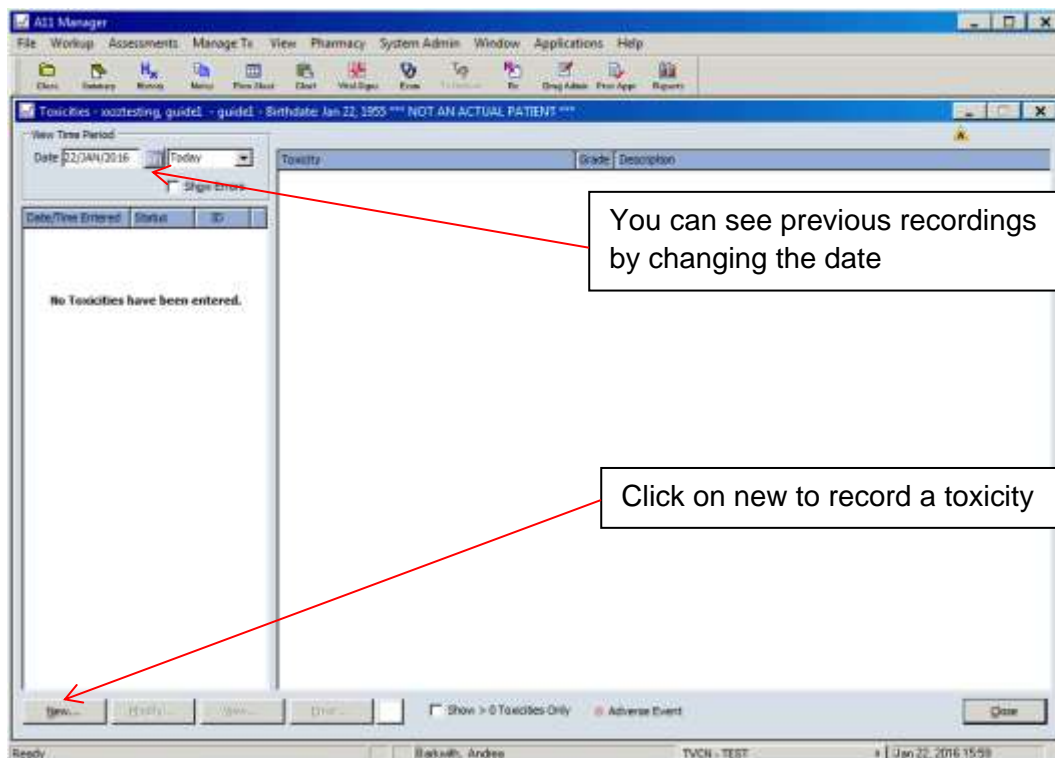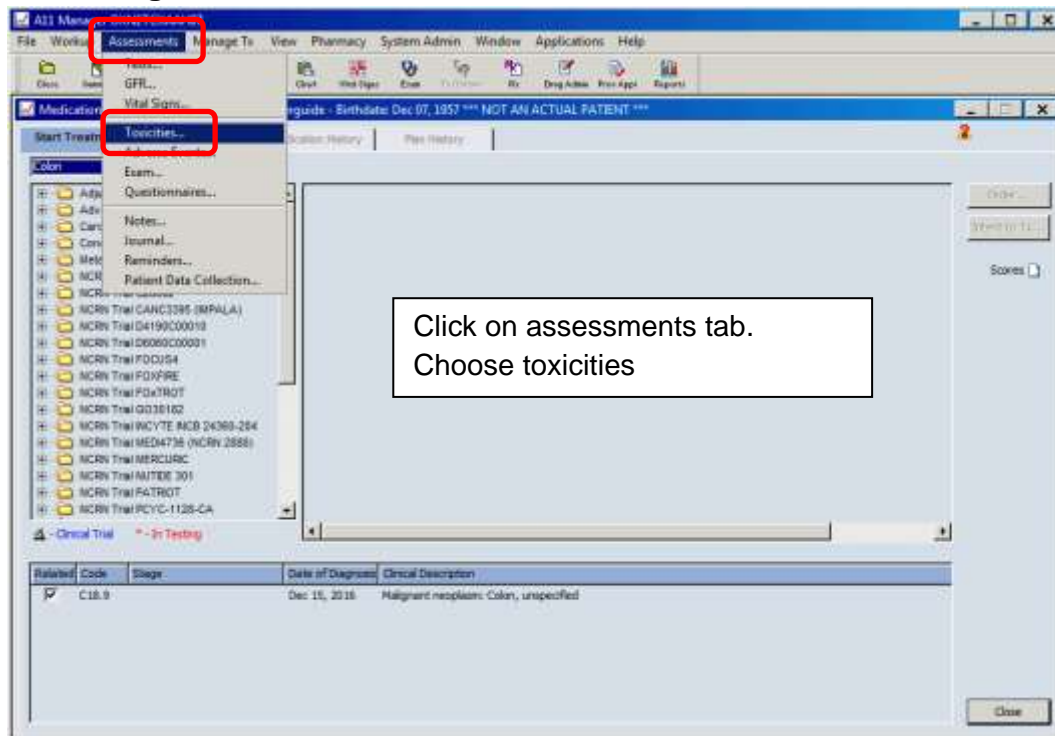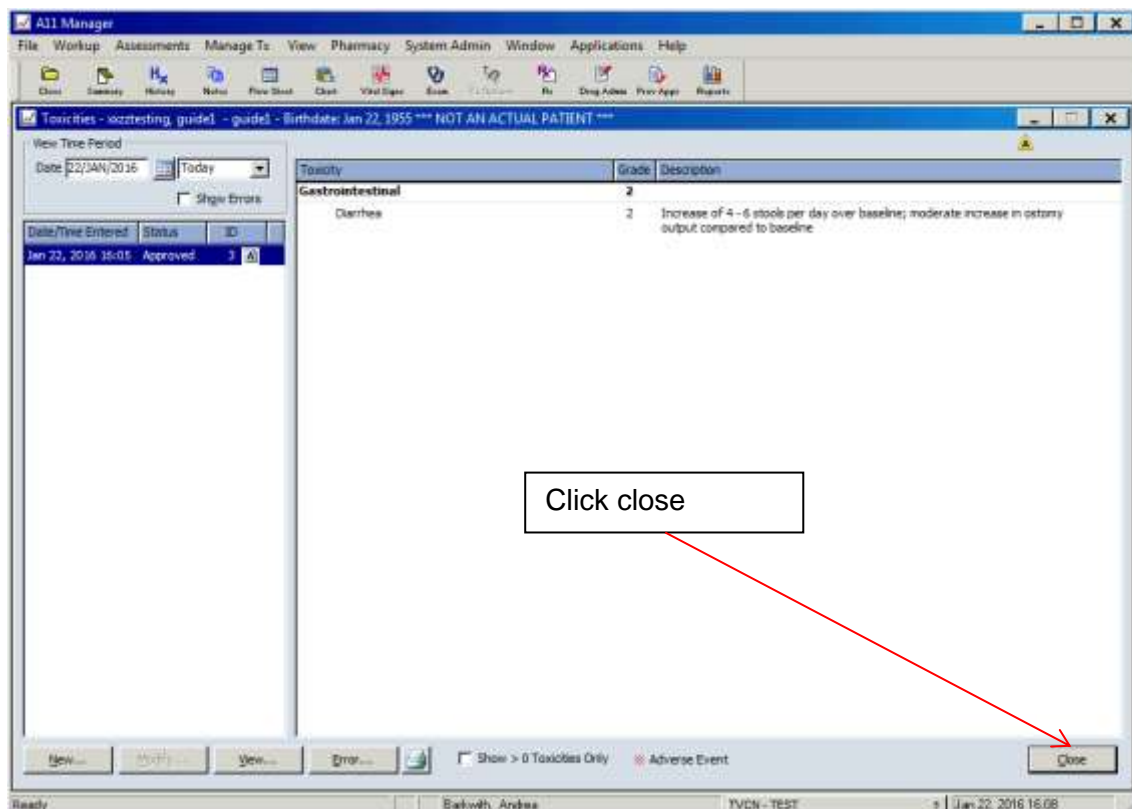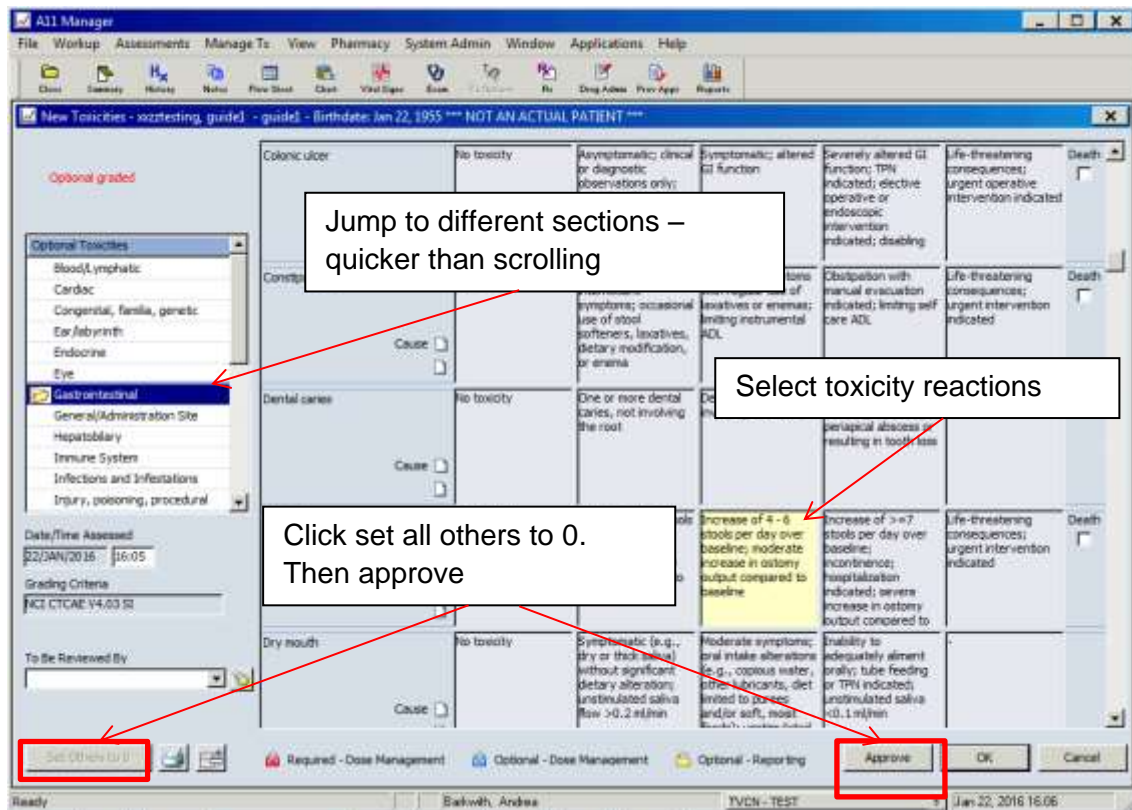
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Entering Performance Status

Click the assessments tab
Choose Patient Data Collection

Enter performance status (and any other missing data) and Approve

Recording Toxicities

Click on assessments tab.
Choose toxicities

You can see previous recordings by changing the date

Click on new to record a toxicity

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Jump to different sections – quicker than scrolling

Select toxicity reactions

Click set all others to 0. Then approve

Click close

Toxicities can be viewed and a graph produced on the Flow Sheet.

This useful tool is of most use if used by all involved in caring for the patient. The toxicity data and flow sheet can be printed out and filed in notes.
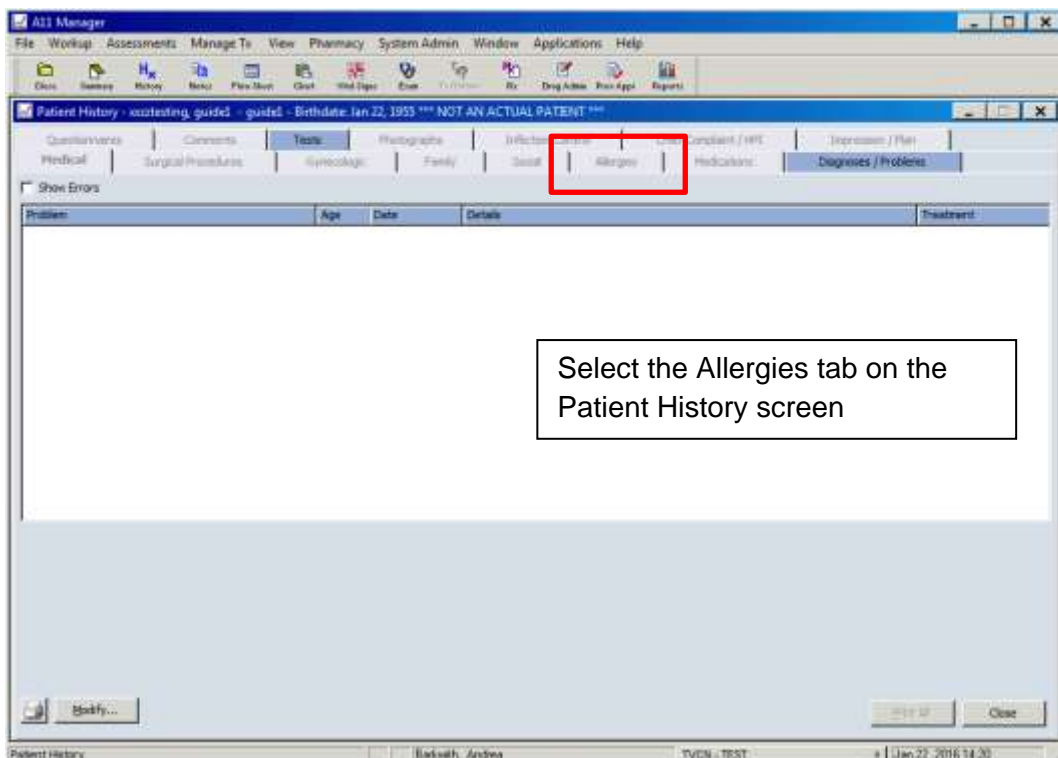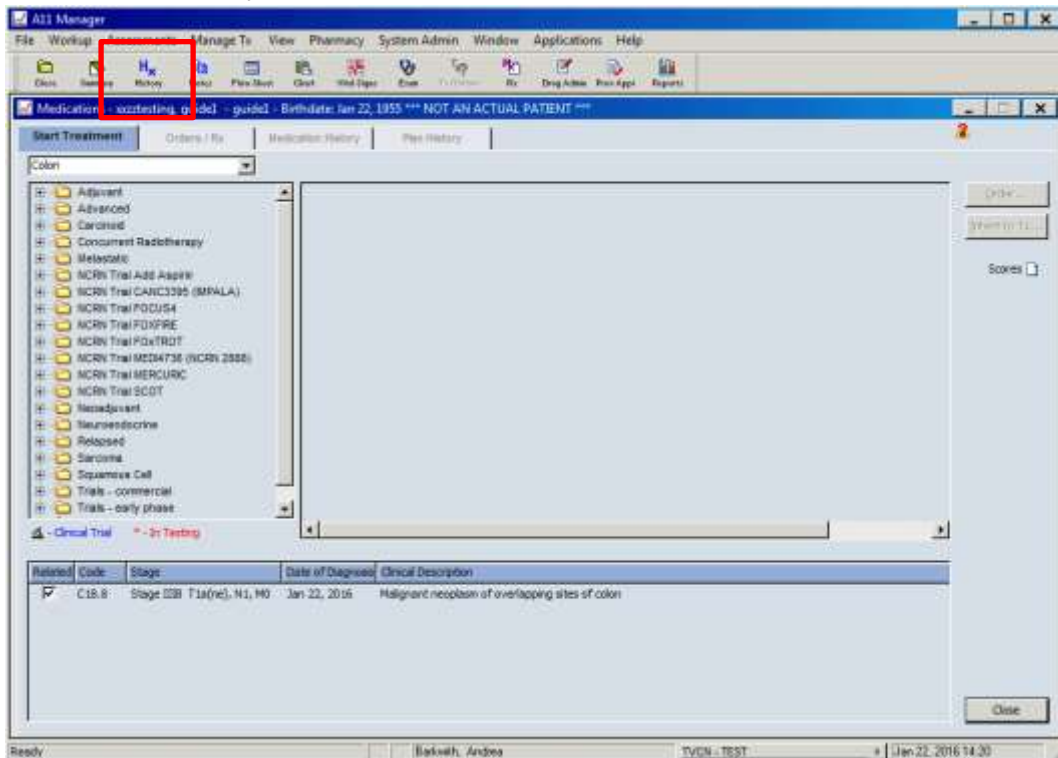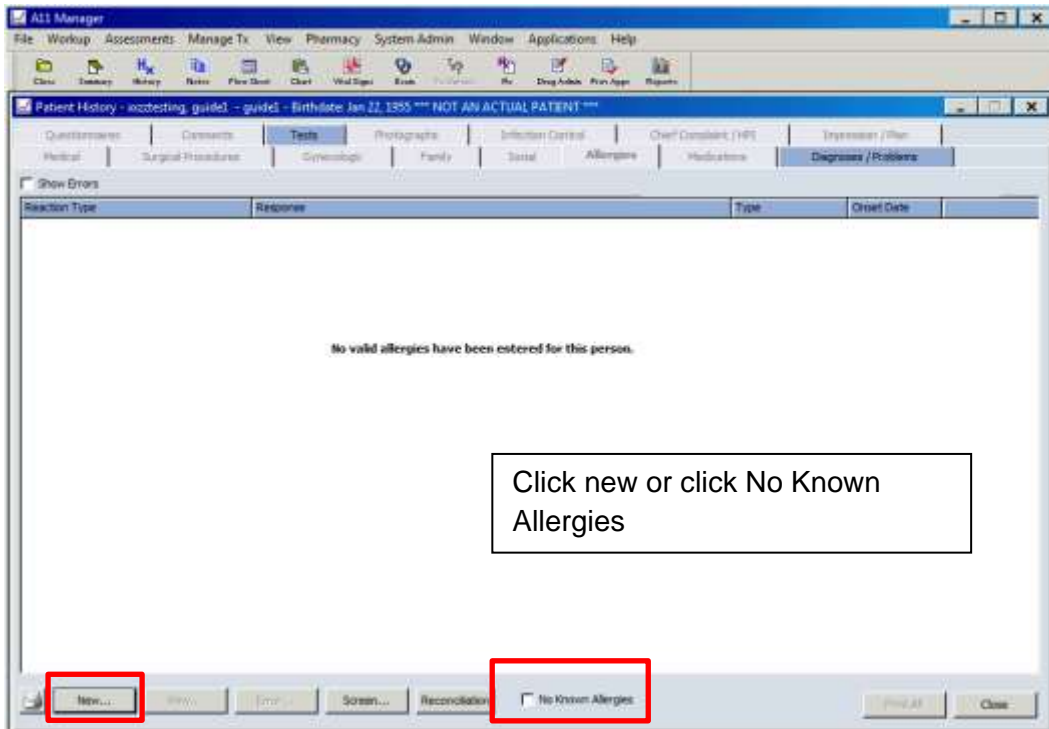
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Entering Allergies

An allergy status (or none known) must be recorded before a prescription can be approved

Click the Hx History tab
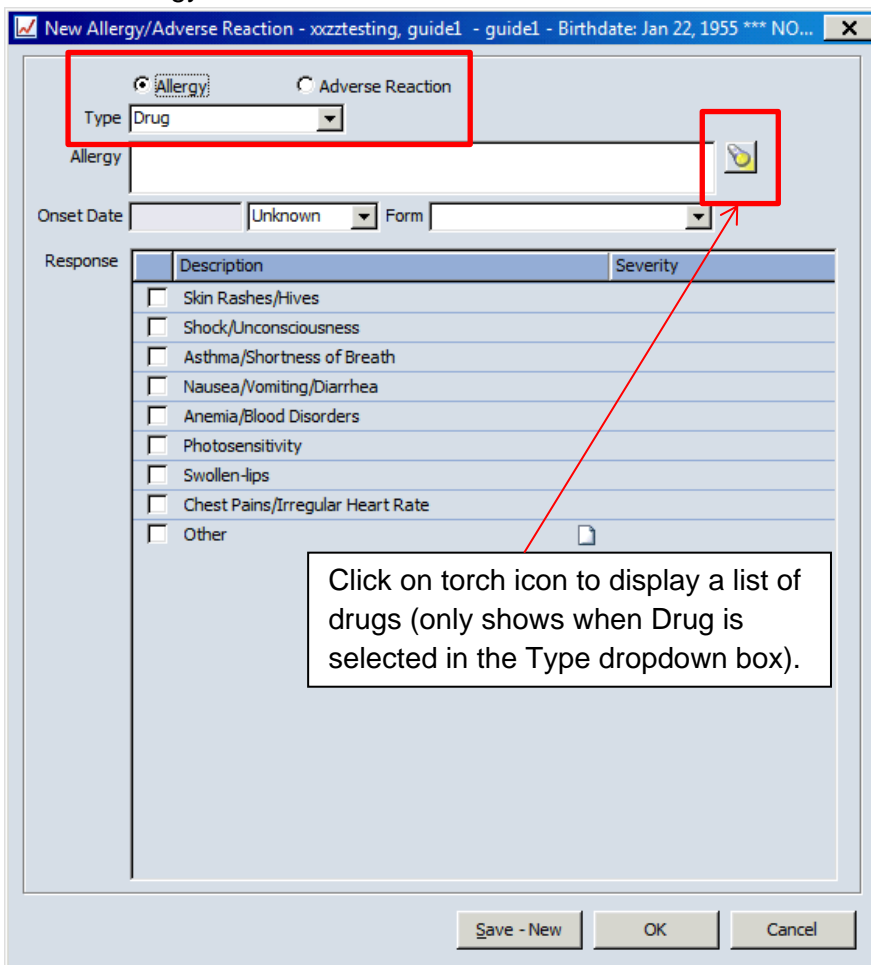

Select the Allergies tab on the Patient History screen

Always check http://tvscn.nhs.uk/networks/cancer/cancer-topics/chemotherapy/
or via Applications in Aria, to ensure most recent version is being used.
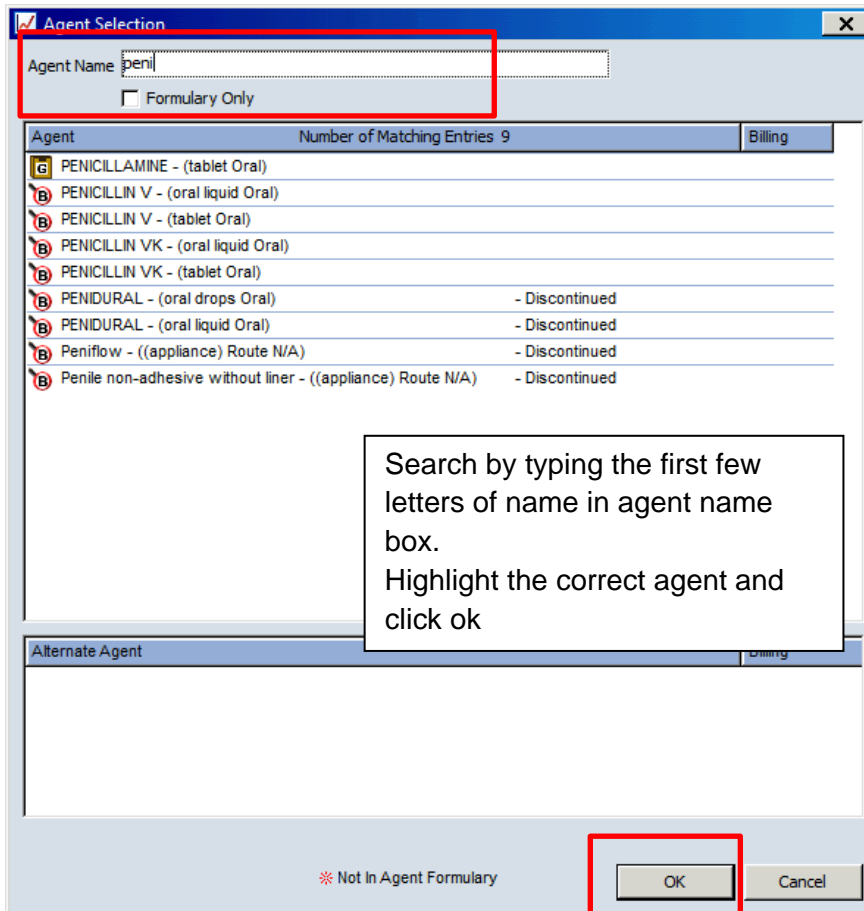
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Click new or click No Known Allergies

If a new allergy

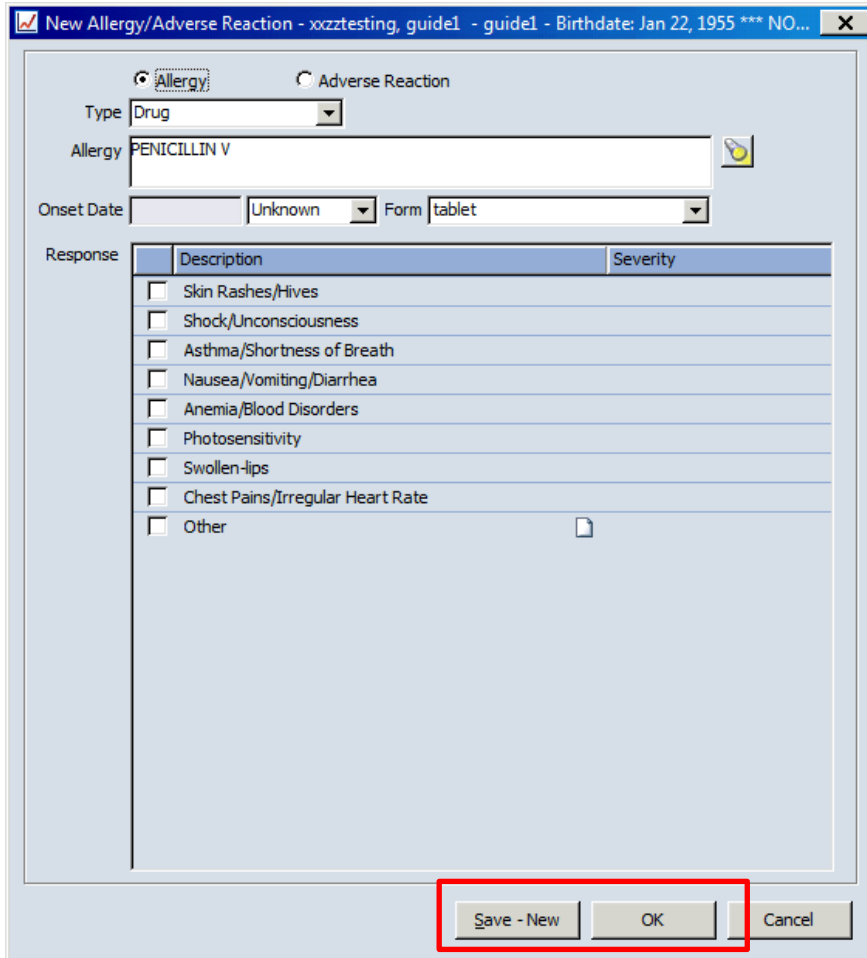Click on torch icon to display a list of drugs (only shows when Drug is selected in the Type dropdown box).

Search by typing the first few letters of name in agent name box.
Highlight the correct agent and click ok

Enter details and click OK when done, or save-new to enter further allergies

HINT: Explore the other tabs on the history page – you can add a lot more information if you wish. Those tabs that are darker blue have patient data entered. The light blue tabs do not have any data entered.
Concurrent medications entered will be interaction checked with the chemotherapy.

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