



# Raising a New Patient Alert Category

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This document supports the application of MP 0053/17 *Patient Alert Policy*.

The WA Patient Alert Business Advisory Group (PA BAG) was established through the Patient Safety and Clinical Quality Directorate, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health.

Responsibilities of this group include:

- assessment of existing patient alert definitions to be used on the PAS
- assessment of any proposed changes made on webPAS; and
- provision of guidance on standardisation of documentation of adverse drug reactions (and serious non-medication allergies e.g., latex, intravenous contrasts, chlorhexidine) which may, or may not, be elevated to serious drug reactions that require a patient alert.

Proposed changes to patient alerts categories, codes or definitions must be requested through the PA BAG via the hospital's local committee (CAC) or representative.

The hospital's clinical alert representative or equivalent may refer queries and proposals for such changes to the WA Patient Alert BAG secretariat via

[DoH.Medicinesandtechnologyunit@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:DoH.Medicinesandtechnologyunit@health.wa.gov.au)

The Medicines and Technology Unit will notify HSPs about newly approved patient alert codes, categories, and definitions.

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