Documenting Serious or Unexpected Adverse Drug Events in the Adverse Reaction Tracking System.

1. Open the **Adverse Reaction Tracking system (ART)** which is usually located on the **cover sheet** of the RPMS-EHR.

   All serious and unexpected ADEs should be documented in the ART to prevent the event from occurring again by providing a warning if the medication is prescribed again.

2. **Right click** in the ART field.

![ART Field](image)

3. Select ‘**New Adverse Reaction**...’ This will open the ART window.

![ART Window](image)

4. Type the first few letters of the suspected medication that caused the adverse event and select it from the list.

![Lookup Causative Agent](image)
5. Enter the information about the adverse drug event.
   a. **Nature of reaction** will default to drug since a medication was selected.
   b. Choose **drug intolerance** to identify the adverse drug event
   c. **Source of Information** is how you learned about the adverse drug event, this may often be from the patient
   d. Click the ‘Observed’ checkbox if the adverse drug event was recent and observed. The clinician does not need to be the one who observed the event; a family member or the patient may have observed the event. If Observed is selected you will be prompted to enter the date of the adverse drug event and the severity. If you do not check this box, the reaction is captured as a historical adverse drug event.
   e. Select one or more **signs or symptoms** that occurred during the adverse drug event and use the **arrow buttons** to add or remove them from the selected box.
   f. You will be prompted to enter the **date of the ADE** again and **identify the source**.
   g. There is a **free text comments field** which enables you to document additional information related to the ADE.

6. Click ‘OK’ to add the ADE to the patient’s record.

**Frequently Asked Questions about documenting in the ART:**

**Can you document non-serious ADEs in the ART?**
Yes. Any adverse drug event or allergy can be documented in the ART.

**What is a serious ADE?**
Serious Adverse Drug Events/Reactions are those that:
- Result in death
- Require hospital admission or prolongation of existing hospital stay
- Result in persistent or significant disability/incapacity
- Are life threatening
- Cause congenital abnormalities or birth defects

**What is an unexpected ADE?**
Unexpected Adverse Drug Events/Reactions: are those that occur but are not found labeled in the package insert, pharmacologic references, or in the medical literature or that occur in a patient where the effect is unexpected.