



**A patient has an allergy to penicillamine documented in their allergies**

**Question:** What error may have occurred?

**Allergy Search**

penicill

Description
▼ Type: Chemical (4 Matches)
Penicillamine
Penicillins Allergy Test
Penicilloyl-Polysine
Penicillin

**Allergies/Contraindications**

penicill

%	Allergen	Allergen Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PENICILLAMINE	Drug Ingredient
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PENICILLINS	Drug Class



# Answer: **Penicillamine** has been frequently mis-selected from drop down menus in error for **penicillin**

- Penicillamine is used to aid the elimination of copper ions in Wilson's disease and is rarely used in some conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune hepatitis and cystinuria.
- It is not a commonly prescribed medicine.
- Patients who are hypersensitive to penicillin may react to penicillamine and vice versa
- This error has been identified in multiple Trusts and GP records.
- Be vigilant and question this allergy or prescribing particularly in patients without a relevant medical history

