
Why should you report?

You can help to identify important safety concerns, reduce suffering and save patients' lives by reporting suspected adverse drug reactions.

Where to report?

Reports should be submitted to the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Pharmacovigilance and Drug Information Centre located on the first floor of the Environmental Health Department Complex.

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REPORTING

Adverse Drug Reactions



Who, What, When and
Why....

What is an adverse drug reaction?

An adverse drug reaction is a reaction which is noxious and unintended, and which occurs at doses normally used for the prophylaxis, diagnosis or therapy of disease, or for the modification of physiological function.

What should be reported?

Adverse reactions are for the most part only suspected associations. The SVG Pharmacovigilance and Drug Information Centre would like to be informed of any suspected adverse reactions particularly:

A. Any serious adverse event that might be associated with a drug, biologic, medical device, or dietary supplement.

Serious = Fatalities

Hospitalizations

Medically significant

events

B. Unexpected events not consistent with the product information or labeling regardless of their severity.

What should be reported?

C. Therapeutic failures:- cases where the drug or device failed to work as it should (e.g. inform if the patient has to switch from one brand of drug to another because the original one was ineffective).

D. Case of use errors with medications or devices where the error may have been due to:

- Poor communication
- Ambiguities in product names, directions for use, or packaging.

E. Product quality issues:-

Suspected counterfeit products
Defective components

Potential contamination

Device malfunctions

Poor packaging

- Report problems even if you are not sure that the product was the cause.

Who should report?

Anyone - including:

- Physicians
- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Nurses
- Patients
- Consumers

When to report?

Report as soon as you suspect that drug therapy has resulted in a negative, unintended effect. Speed is essential.

