## Pharmacovigilance

The science and activities relating to the detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects or any other possible drug-related problems

An adverse drug reaction (ADR) 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?

- All suspected reactions for new drugs
- All serious or unexpected medication events for established drugs
- An increased frequency of a given reaction
- All suspected ADRs associated with drug-drug, drug-food, drug-food supplement interaction (including herbal products)
- ADRs resulting from overdose or medication error
- Lack of efficacy of medication
- All ADRs in special populations e.g. children, pregnant women etc.

You can reduce suffering and save patients lives by Reporting suspected adverse drug events

Submit reports to the SVG Pharmacovigilance & Drug Information Centre, Environmental Health Dept. Complex, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Kingstown VC, St. Vincent & the Grenadines. E-mail: svg.pv.dic@gmail.com. Telephone: 456-1991 ext. 27.