Reporting Adverse Drug Reactions to the Yellow Card Scheme

Healthcare professionals are asked to help improve medicines safety by reporting suspected Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) to the Yellow Card Scheme. Please support the scheme by following the these reporting guidelines:

♦ Please report all suspected ADRs for new medicines (identified by the black triangle ▼ symbol)
♦ Please report all serious suspected ADRs for established vaccines and medicines, including unlicensed medicines, herbal remedies, and medicines used off-label
♦ If you are unsure, please report anyway.

Help make medicines safer for everyone

www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard

What is the MHRA?

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is the government agency responsible for ensuring that medicines and medical devices work and are acceptably safe. When any possible problem is found, the MHRA takes prompt action to protect the public and reduce risk.

For more information about the MHRA:

Visit: www.mhra.gov.uk
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How do I report a suspected side effect?

There are two ways to report to the Yellow Card Scheme

♦ the easiest way to report is online at
  www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard
♦ complete a paper Yellow Card form which you can post to
  FREEPOST YELLOW CARD

Yellow Cards can be found in the BNF, MIMS, ABPI Compendium or ordered by calling the Yellow Card Information Service freephone on 0800 731 6789

What happens to Yellow Cards?

The MHRA (see overleaf) collects Yellow Card reports from all healthcare professionals and patients. These reports are used to identify ADRs and other problems which might not have been known about before about the medicine.

If a new ADR is found, the MHRA will review the way that the medicine can be used, and the warnings that are given to prescribers and patients.

The information you provide will be kept safe, secure and confidential. No details that could identify you or your patient(s) will be passed on without your permission.

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