

The Yellow Card Scheme: Reporting Medicine Side Effects

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Helping to make medicines safer

**A side effect of your medicine?
Report it using
Yellow Card**

If you think the medicine you are taking may have caused a side effect, you can report it using Yellow Card.

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Use blue or black ink. Complete all the lines marked with * and give as much other information as you can.

1 About the suspected side effect

* What were the symptoms of the suspected side effect, and how did it happen? If there isn't enough space here, attach an extra sheet of paper.

How bad was the suspected side effect? Tick the box that best describes how bad the symptoms were.

Mild Unpleasant, but did not affect everyday activities Bad enough to affect everyday activities Bad enough to see doctor
 Bad enough to be admitted to hospital Caused my serious illness Caused death Other

When did the side effect start?

How is the person feeling now? Tick the box that best describes whether the person still has symptoms of the suspected side effect.

Better (no more symptoms) Getting better Still have symptoms Still seriously ill Died Other

Can you give any more details? For example, did the person take or receive any other treatment for the symptoms? Did they stop taking the medicine as a result of the side effect?

2 About the person who had the suspected side effect

Who had the suspected side effect?

Me My child Someone else

Information about the person: Supply as much information as you can, even if you prefer not to give a name.

First name or initials: _____ Family name: _____ Male Female

* Age: _____ Height: _____ kg stone/pounds Height: _____ inches feet/inches

Any other relevant information? For example, does the person have any medical conditions or allergies?

Make sure you have completed all the lines marked * Please turn over →

If you are worried about a symptom you think may be a side effect....

1. Check the leaflet supplied with the medicine
2. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist
3. You can also get information from:
 - England and Wales: NHS direct on 0845 46 47 (Textphone 0845 606 4647)
 - Scotland: NHS24 on 08454 24 24 24 (Textphone 18001 08454 24 24 24)

Always contact your doctor if you are worried about any symptoms

Taking a medicine, or herbal or homeopathic remedy?

Suffering from a suspected side effect?

Then you should report it using the Yellow Card Scheme

You can help make medicines safer...



The Yellow Card Scheme

- Run by the Medicines and Healthcare product Regulatory Agency (MHRA) – a UK government agency
- Collects reports of suspected side effects submitted in confidence by healthcare professionals and patients
- Acts as an early warning system to identify side effects and risk factors
- When a problem is found, MHRA takes prompt action to protect the public



How to report a side effect

There are 3 ways to complete a Yellow Card:

- Use the online Yellow Card form at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard
- On a Yellow Card form found in pharmacies and GP surgeries
- Call the Yellow Card freephone on 0808 100 3352



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Who can report?

You can report side effects that have happened to:

- You personally
- Your child
- Someone you are responsible for e.g. spouse or partner, an adult or child
- Someone who asks you to make a report on their behalf with their agreement
- We also collect Yellow Card reports from all healthcare professionals including doctors, pharmacists and nurses



What to report

- You can report suspected side effects of any medicine or herbal remedy
- A suspected side effect that:
 - is not mentioned in the medicine patient information leaflet
 - causes problems bad enough to interfere with everyday activities
 - happens when you're taking more than one medicine, and could be caused by interactions

Even if you are unsure whether to report, please complete a Yellow Card!

Completing the Yellow Card

The form has 5 sections:

1. About the suspected side effect
2. About the person who had the suspected side effect
3. About the medicine or medicines which might have caused the side effect
4. About your doctor
5. About you – the person making the report

If you need help...

- Call the Yellow Card freephone **0808 100 3352**
- Or ask a healthcare professional

Reporting on-line

The screenshot shows the Yellow Card Scheme reporting form in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The browser title is "Yellow Card Scheme - MHRA - Microsoft Internet Explorer" and the address bar shows "http://www.yellowcard.gov.uk". The page header features the YellowCard logo and the MHRA logo. The navigation menu includes "Reporter Details", "Patient Details", "Suspect Reaction", "Suspect Drugs", and "Additional Details". The current step is "Step 3 - Suspect Reactions". The form includes a sidebar with navigation links, a main content area with instructions and a list of suspect reactions, and a bottom section for "Do you consider the reaction to be serious?".

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Reporter Details Patient Details **Suspect Reaction** Suspect Drugs Additional Details

Home **Step 3 - Suspect Reactions**

The Yellow Card Scheme

Frequently Asked Questions

Further Information

Downloadable Information

Contact Us

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Fields marked with a * are required

As you type in the box, the website will be suggesting possible terms from our dictionary and are possible matches for the words you are entering. If one of these terms is an appropriate term for the reaction, then please select this. More than one reaction can be entered if needed, simply click on 'add another Suspect Reaction'.

Suspect Reactions added:

Suspect Reaction *

Please select an outcome for each suspect:

Recovered

Recovering with some lasting effects

Recovering

Not recovered

Caused Death

Unknown

Other (Please give details below)

Add another Suspect Reaction

Do you consider the reaction to be serious:

Yes No

bleed

bleed in luteal cyst

bleeding

bleeding anovulatory

bleeding breakthrough

bleeding breast

bleeding DU

bleeding duodenal ulcer


bleeding esophageal ulcer

bleeding esophageal varices

http://uat.mhra-eyc.redantdev.com/report/hcp/?FormID=reactions#item9

- Simple to complete form
- Registering on the site is optional
- The Yellow Card can be saved at any time for completing later

www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard



Remember if you suspect a side effect, please report it to the Yellow Card Scheme

Help make medicines safer for everyone

Pick up a leaflet or visit

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