Help make medicines safer: Report suspected side effects to medicines

#MedSafetyWeek 25–29 November 2019

From 25 to 29 November, medicines regulators around the globe will be joining forces to launch a social media campaign that raises awareness of adverse drug reactions. The theme for 2019 is polypharmacy.

Watch out for our tweets, join the conversation, and help us spread the word! #MedSafetyWeek

Report adverse drug reactions

While medicines are safe and effective, side effects can happen.

It is important the risks associated with all medicines are understood and communicated by healthcare professionals to their patients, including parents and carers.

If you think your patient has had an adverse reaction to a medicine, report it to CARM.

Online reporting is easiest: https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/reporting/

Medsafe e-learning module: Adverse Drug Reactions

Medsafe's e-learning module explains why reporting is important, and when and how to report an adverse drug reaction:


The module is endorsed by the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) and has been approved for up to 2.0 hours Continuing Medical Education (CME) for General Practice Educational Programme 2/3 (GPEP) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes.

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