ADVICE ABOUT VOLUNTARY REPORTING


Report adverse events, product problems or product use errors with:
- Medications (drugs or biologics)
- Medical devices (including in-vitro diagnostics)
- Combination products (medication & medical devices)
- Human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products
- Special nutritional products (dietary supplements, medical foods, infant formulas)
- Cosmetics

Report product problems - quality, performance or safety concerns such as:
- Suspected counterfeit product
- Suspected contamination
- Questionable stability
- Defective components
- Poor packaging or labeling
- Therapeutic failures (product didn't work)

Report SERIOUS adverse events. An event is serious when the patient outcome is:
- Death
- Life-threatening
- Hospitalization - initial or prolonged
- Disability or permanent damage
- Congenital anomaly/birth defect
- Required intervention to prevent permanent impairment or damage
- Other serious (important medical events)

Report even if:
- You’re not certain the product caused the event
- You don’t have all the details

How to report:
- Just fill in the sections that apply to your report
- Use section D for all products except medical devices
- Attach additional pages if needed
- Use a separate form for each patient
- Report either to FDA or the manufacturer (or both)

Other methods of reporting:
- 1-800-FDA-0178 -- To FAX report
- 1-800-FDA-1088 -- To report by phone
- www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm -- To report online

If your report involves a serious adverse event with a device and it occurred in a facility outside a doctor's office, that facility may be legally required to report to FDA and/or the manufacturer. Please notify the person in that facility who would handle such reporting.

If your report involves a serious adverse event with a vaccine call 1-800-822-7967 to report.

Confidentiality: The patient's identity is held in strict confidence by FDA and protected to the fullest extent of the law. FDA will not disclose the reporter's identity in response to a request from the public, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The reporter's identity, including the identity of a self-reporter, may be shared with the manufacturer unless requested otherwise.

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Food and Drug Administration
MedWatch
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Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

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