

#MedSafetyWeek

This year's theme is on the importance of reporting suspected adverse reactions to vaccines



#MedSafetyWeek is an annual MHRA (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency - UK) social media campaign; now in its sixth year.

The purpose of the campaign is to support awareness of reporting to the Yellow Card scheme. This #MedSafetyWeek, we call on all healthcare professionals, and especially those administering vaccines, national immunisation programme staff, vaccine recipients and their carers and families, and patient and healthcare professional organisations. Please report suspected adverse reactions following vaccination. We advise people not to wait for someone else to report their suspicions.

What healthcare professionals can do to support MedSafetyWeek – 1 to 7 November 2021

- Don't delay in reporting suspected adverse reactions to the [Yellow Card scheme](#) or via the Yellow Card app (download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#))
- Report suspected reactions to COVID-19 vaccines and medicines to the [Coronavirus Yellow Card reporting site](#) or Yellow Card app
- For each vaccine administered, accurately record in clinical health records details such as the vaccine and product name, batch number, expiry date, the dose, number of vaccinations (if multiple), and site of administration
- Include the brand and batch number when reporting suspected adverse reactions to vaccines to the Yellow Card scheme
- For suspected reactions following a third or booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, please provide details of any suspected reactions following previous COVID-19 vaccinations, including which vaccine was previously received
- Consider a discussion about common 'side effects' with your patient; you could talk about:
 - noting the batch number and reading the product information that comes with the vaccine – it lists possible reactions and advises them on what to do, including reporting side effects
 - the purpose of the Yellow Card scheme and the importance of reporting any suspected problems to help the safe use of vaccines for others
- What to do if they do experience any suspected adverse reactions following vaccination
- Talk to your colleagues about being vigilant for new or rare suspected reactions with vaccines or medicines and reporting them to the MHRA

Read More: [MedSafetyWeek November 2021: support the safety of vaccines - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Medicines and Poisons Information and Adverse Drug Reaction Yellow Card reporting (eYC) services:
Monday to Friday between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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