

Reporting side effects of medicines

**Had a side effect to a medicine?
Report it to help make medicines
safer for everyone.**

Why report side effects?

A side effect is an unwanted effect of a medicine. All medicines can cause side effects but not everyone gets them.

Reporting side effects helps to ensure medicines are used safely.

You can report any side effect that you think might have been caused by a medicine.

How do I report side effects?

Online nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/consumer-reporting/

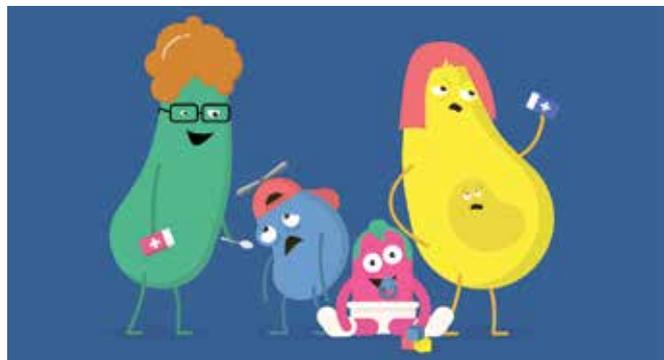
Paper Download a reporting form here: medsafe.govt.nz/safety/report-a-problem.asp

and submit the form to:

NZPhvC
University of Otago Medical School
PO Box 913
Dunedin 9054

Email carmnz@otago.ac.nz

Phone (03) 479 7150



What must be included in the report?

- Information about the **side effect(s)**.
- The **medicine(s)** that may have caused the side effect(s).
- **Who** had the side effect(s).
- The **person reporting** the side effect(s).

What happens to my report?

Your report is entered into a secure database. Information in this database is regularly reviewed to identify possible safety concerns.

Medsafe publishes anonymised information from reports in the Suspected Medicine Adverse Reaction Search: medsafe.govt.nz/projects/B1/ADRDisclaimer.asp

All identifiable information is removed before publishing.

Where can I find more information on side effects?

Consumer Medicine Information lists possible side effects to each medicine: medsafe.govt.nz/Medicines/infoSearch.asp

Consumer information leaflets on medicines safety topics: medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/educational-material.asp

Please talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse about any medicine side effects.