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Reporting drug reactions

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The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has updated its online Yellow Card reporting form for reporting suspected adverse reactions to medicines.

This system allows clinicians and members of the public to report any adverse effects of medicines or drugs.

Women often take medicines while pregnant or before they know they are pregnant. However, there is commonly little information available on a medicine's effect on human pregnancy before it is licensed. Therefore it is important to collect reports of suspected adverse reactions experienced by a woman or child associated with medicines taken during pregnancy, labour, postnatally and for adverse reactions experienced by a baby.

This information improves the understanding of a drug's effectduring pregnancy and informs treatment decisions to maximise the benefit and minimise the risk to both woman and child.

A copy of the form can be downloaded and sent to the MHRA via freepost:
yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/_assets/files/HCPYellow-Card-07-2013-vFinal.pdf