
ADVERSE DRUG REACTION REPORTING

HMC: 731-3802 **SE Lake Union:** 288-6336 **UWMC:** 598-6837

Adverse drug reactions are unintended, undesired, and unavoidable noxious effects of agents administered to patients for diagnostic, prophylactic, or therapeutic indications. The purpose of reporting adverse drug reactions is to provide information for review by those individuals responsible for evaluating quality of patient care and potential medical-legal claims against the institution. Adverse drug reactions that are reportable are those that are considered serious enough to require a change in therapy (i.e., drug discontinuation, dosage modification, or additional therapeutic intervention).

In addition to placing the appropriate documentation in the patient's chart, whenever a reportable adverse drug reaction is suspected, the nurse, pharmacist, or physician should report the event by dialing the Adverse Drug Reaction Phone Line (**UWMC 598-6837, HMC 731-3802, SE Lake Union 288-6336**). As many details as possible are helpful, however, at a minimum information provided should include: 1) patient name, 2) hospital number, 3) description of the adverse reaction, and 4) suspected causative agent(s). All reports are promptly documented and further investigated by a clinical pharmacist.

WAC 246-873-080 on Hospital Standards requires:
"All adverse drug reactions shall be appropriately recorded in the patient's record and reported to the prescribing practitioner and to the pharmacy."

If you have a patient you feel is experiencing an Adverse Drug Reaction, report it by calling the A.D.R. Phone Line and leaving a message in the voice mail box (Note: This is not an emergency response line). All reports are promptly followed up and reviewed by a clinical pharmacist.

Information To Report:

- 1. Patient:** Name, Location, ID Number, Clinical Service
- 2. ADR:** Date, Description, Management, Suspected Drug(s)
- 3. Reporter:** Name, Phone Number