



# Adverse Drug Reaction Reaction Information



An Adverse Drug Reaction is any undesirable or unintended side effect(s) to any medications and vaccines

It is important you have a record of any medications you have taken that have caused side effects.

Ensure you are able to identify the medication that caused the reaction as it may be known by more than one name. Every medication has an approved generic name and if it is made by several companies, each company will also give the medication a different brand (trade) name. So each medication will have one generic name, but may have more than one brand name. This can sometimes lead to confusion.

For example: Ibuprofen (generic name) is available as Brufen®, Nurofen®, Advil®.

Some tablets may also contain more than one medication e.g. Panadeine® contains paracetamol and codeine.

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## Level of verification

- P: Patient/carer report only (suspected reaction)
- C: Confirmed by clinician (eg doctor, pharmacist, nurse)
- S: Confirmed by specialist (eg Immunologist).

### Example

Medicine	Reaction	Verification	Date
Penicillin	Anaphylaxis	S (Skin test)	Jan 2014

Document ADR and Drug Allergy information in the discharge summary.

NPS Medicine Wise: MedicinesList and smart phone app [www.nps.org.au](http://www.nps.org.au)

## Adverse Drug Reaction and Drug Allergy Record



Patient's name (or addressograph) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical record number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

MedicAlert® membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Show this information to all healthcare providers treating you (e.g. local GP, hospital doctor, pharmacist, nurse or dentist).

While you were in hospital, you had an adverse reaction to a medication.

To prevent it happening again, it is important that you avoid this medication in the future.

This is an Adverse Drug Reaction Alert Card for your reference.

- Your doctor, pharmacist or nurse will have discussed the details of what happened with you.
- The adverse reaction that occurred was recorded in your medical notes and on your medication chart.
- You will have been given a red patient identification band to indicate that you have had an adverse reaction to a medication.
- The hospital will inform your GP about the adverse reaction in your discharge letter.
- If a severe or life threatening reaction occurred, the adverse reaction will be recorded in the electronic Patient Administration System (PAS) to alert all doctors and clinical team looking after you if you come back to hospital again.



### What you need to do:

- If you need to come back to hospital, bring this card and inform your doctor, nurse or pharmacist about the side effect/s you experienced to the medication.
- Tell your family members and carers about the adverse reaction you had to the medicine.
- Tell all of your health care professionals about your adverse reaction, including GP, community pharmacist and dentist, before any new medication is prescribed or started.
- Discuss with your GP whether membership to MedicAlert® and wearing a MedicAlert® bracelet or necklace containing details of your adverse reaction to the medication is worthwhile.

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Medication	Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR)	Level of verification and comment	Date of reaction (if known)

Doctor/pharmacist (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Telephone contact \_\_\_\_\_

