



# Rx Update

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## ADVERSE DRUG REACTION (ADR) REPORTING PROGRAM: NEW REPORTING SYSTEM

It has been approximately three years since the UIHC ADR Reporting Program converted from a paper to an electronic format accessible via IPR. While the number of reports received directly from care providers per month has remained stable since the conversion in 2004, it continues to be a program goal to further increase the number of adverse drug reaction reports received each month by staff from throughout the hospital.

All health care professionals must perform vigilant post-marketing surveillance in order to continue the necessary monitoring after new agents reach the market. New data are used to update the prescribing information of recently approved agents and, in some cases, drug entities that have been marketed for years.

Recently, a new incident reporting system called **Patient Safety Net (PSN)** was implemented and went live throughout the UIHC. PSN is a Web-based, automated system designed by University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) to report medication-related incidents – including adverse drug reactions. The ADR reporting tab formerly accessed via IPR was inactivated on May 7 with the implementation of PSN.

**Whenever you become aware of an adverse drug reaction (whether in the inpatient or ambulatory care environments), please complete and submit an adverse drug reaction incident report using Patient Safety Net.** PSN may be accessed from most computers within the UIHC by clicking on the following logo icon on the menu screen:



Once in the Patient Safety Net system, look for the selection “Adverse Drug Reaction (not a medication error)” when completing an incident report (see item 11 below).

UHC Patient Safety Net Event Report

Organization: University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
This material has been prepared for use by a University Hospitals Staff Committee investigating ways to reduce morbidity and mortality.

**Add event**

8. Location Where Event Occurred: (Required)  
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9. Date of admission or date of ambulatory encounter: (Required)  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 04/05/2007

10. Event date and time: (Date and time are required)  
Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 04/13/2007 Military time (hh:mm): : :  Time unknown

11. Point here for Event type: (Required) (other specify maximum 250 characters)  
B. Adverse Drug Reaction (not a medication error) Other (specify):  
Other (specify):  
Other (specify):

Exit 01-07 Next

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After selecting the adverse drug reaction option, a series of questions about the event will be presented (see initial questions below).

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Event 1 of 1  
**Adverse Drug Reaction Event Details Questions (Optional)**

1. What organ systems were affected by this Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR)? (check all that apply) (Required)

- Cardiovascular (e.g. Hypotension, Arrhythmia)
- Dermatologic (e.g. skin reaction)
- Endocrine
- Digestive
- Urinary (e.g. Nephrotoxicity)
- Hematologic/lymphatic
- Musculoskeletal
- Nervous (e.g. mental status change, dizziness)
- Reproductive
- Respiratory
- Other (specify):

2. Describe the nature of the ADR and the indication for the prescribing of the suspected drug: (Required) (maximum 500 characters)

All ADR reports submitted via PSN are automatically forwarded to the UIHC ADR Reporting Program for review and summary report generation for the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Subcommittee; no additional notifications to other UIHC personnel are required. Alternatively, staff who wish to report an adverse drug reaction may telephone the Drug Information Center at 6-2600.

Please encourage other UIHC care providers to complete an Adverse Drug Reaction report whenever they encounter adverse drug reactions in the course of their care duties. Accreditation organizations such as the Joint Commission (JCAHO) and government agencies such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMC) expect healthcare organizations to actively identify and report adverse drug events.

If you have questions about whether an adverse drug event should be reported as an adverse drug reaction, please feel free to contact Kevin Bebout, Administrative Pharmacy Practice Specialist, at 6-4284. If you have questions regarding the use of Patient Safety Net, please call 6-4311.

Thank you for your time and past contributions in supporting this important patient safety program.