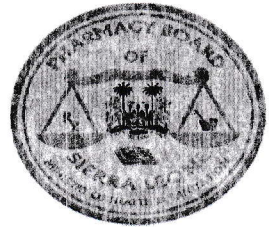


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#MEDSAFETYWEEK 2022 PRESS RELEASE

Every report to the Pharmacovigilance and Information & Communication Departments of the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone helps to improve the safety of medicines for all patients

People are encouraged to report suspected side effects of medicines as part of the global #MedSafetyWeek social media campaign

Launched in Sierra Leone on the 7th of November, 2022, by the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone, the seventh annual [#MedSafetyWeek](#) is running until 13th November 2022 to encourage everyone to report suspected side effects of medicines. This year's global campaign involves medicines regulators from 82 countries and focuses on the key role of every healthcare professional, patient, and carer who reports a suspected side effect and contributes to using medicines safely.

All medicines may cause side effects in some patients, so there are steps in place to continuously monitor their safety after they are placed on the market. The purpose of safety monitoring is to gain more information about known side effects and find out about new ones. Regulators operate systems to detect and analyse those side effects and prevent harm to future patients.

The Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone Individual Case Safety Form commonly called Adverse Drug Reaction Form Scheme run by the Pharmacovigilance Centre of the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone collects, organises, and investigates reports of suspected side effects. Since it was created, it has helped identify several safety issues which were not previously recognised as being linked to a particular medicine until the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone received information from reports.

By reporting suspected side effects to the Pharmacy Board of Sierra Leone, you are actively participating in identifying emerging safety issues, so that the Pharmacy Board can take action when necessary and protect you and others from harm.