

# MEDWATCH

## For VOLUNTARY reporting of adverse events and product problems

### The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program

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FDA USE ONLY	
Triage unit sequence #	

A. PATIENT INFORMATION			
1. Patient Identifier  In confidence	2. Age at Time of Event: or _____ Date of Birth:	3. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	4. Weight _____ lbs or _____ kgs
B. ADVERSE EVENT OR PRODUCT PROBLEM			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse Event and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Product Problem (e.g., defects/malfunctions)			
2. Outcomes Attributed to Adverse Event (Check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Death: _____ (mo/day/yr)		<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life-threatening		<input type="checkbox"/> Congenital Anomaly	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalization - initial or prolonged		<input type="checkbox"/> Required Intervention to Prevent Permanent Impairment/Damage	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
3. Date of Event (mo/day/year)		4. Date of This Report (mo/day/year)	
5. Describe Event or Problem			
6. Relevant Tests/Laboratory Data, Including Dates			
7. Other Relevant History, Including Preexisting Medical Conditions (e.g., allergies, race, pregnancy, smoking and alcohol use, hepatic/renal dysfunction, etc.)			

C. SUSPECT MEDICATION(S)		
1. Name (Give labeled strength & mfr/labeler, if known)		
#1 _____		
#2 _____		
2. Dose, Frequency & Route Used		3. Therapy Dates (If unknown, give duration from/to (or best estimate))
#1 _____		#1 _____
#2 _____		#2 _____
4. Diagnosis for Use (Indication)		5. Event Abated After Use Stopped or Dose Reduced?
#1 _____		#1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't Apply
#2 _____		#2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't Apply
6. Lot # (if known)	7. Exp. Date (if known)	
#1 _____	#1 _____	
#2 _____	#2 _____	
9. NDC# (For product problems only)		
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8. Event Reappeared After Reintroduction?		
#1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't Apply		
#2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't Apply		
10. Concomitant Medical Products and Therapy Dates (Exclude treatment of event)		

D. SUSPECT MEDICAL DEVICE		
1. Brand Name		
2. Type of Device		
3. Manufacturer Name, City and State		
4. Model #	Lot #	5. Operator of Device <input type="checkbox"/> Health Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Lay User/Patient <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Catalog #	Expiration Date (mo/day/yr)	
Serial #	Other #	
6. If Implanted, Give Date (mo/day/yr)		7. If Explanted, Give Date (mo/day/yr)
8. Is this a Single-use Device that was Reprocessed and Reused on a Patient? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
9. If Yes to Item No. 8, Enter Name and Address of Reprocessor		
10. Device Available for Evaluation? (Do not send to FDA) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Returned to Manufacturer on: _____ (mo/day/yr)		
11. Concomitant Medical Products and Therapy Dates (Exclude treatment of event)		

E. REPORTER (See confidentiality section on back)			
1. Name and Address		Phone #	
2. Health Professional? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Occupation		4. Also Reported to: <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> User Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Distributor/Importer
5. If you do NOT want your identity disclosed to the manufacturer, place an "X" in this box: <input type="checkbox"/>			

PLEASE TYPE OR USE BLACK INK



Mail to: **MEDWATCH** -or- FAX to:  
5600 Fishers Lane 1-800-FDA-0178  
Rockville, MD 20852-9787

# ADVICE ABOUT VOLUNTARY REPORTING

## Report adverse experiences with:

- Medications (*drugs or biologics*)
- Medical devices (*including in-vitro diagnostics*)
- Special nutritional products (*dietary supplements, medical foods, infant formulas*)
- Cosmetics
- Medication errors

## Report product problems - quality, performance or safety concerns such as:

- Suspected counterfeit product
- Suspected contamination
- Questionable stability
- Defective components
- Poor packaging or labeling
- Therapeutic failures

## Report SERIOUS adverse events. An event is serious when the patient outcome is:

- Death
- Life-threatening (*real risk of dying*)
- Hospitalization (*initial or prolonged*)
- Disability (*significant, persistent or permanent*)
- Congenital anomaly
- Required intervention to prevent permanent impairment or damage

## Report even if:

- You're not certain the product caused the event
- You don't have all the details

## How to report:

- Just fill in the sections that apply to your report
- Use section C for all products except medical devices
- Attach additional blank pages if needed
- Use a separate form for each patient
- Report either to FDA or the manufacturer (*or both*)

**Confidentiality:** The patient's identity is held in strict confidence by FDA and protected to the fullest extent of the law. FDA will not disclose the reporter's identity in response to a request from the public, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The reporter's identity, including the identity of a self-reporter, may be shared with the manufacturer unless requested otherwise.

**If your report involves a serious adverse event with a device** and it occurred in a facility outside a doctor's office, that facility may be legally required to report to FDA and/or the manufacturer. Please notify the person in that facility who would handle such reporting.

## Important numbers:

- 1-800-FDA-0178 -- To FAX report
- 1-800-FDA-1088 -- To report by phone or for more information
- 1-800-822-7967 -- For a VAERS form for vaccines

## To Report via the Internet:

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm>

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*Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
MedWatch; HFD-410  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857*

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Food and Drug Administration

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