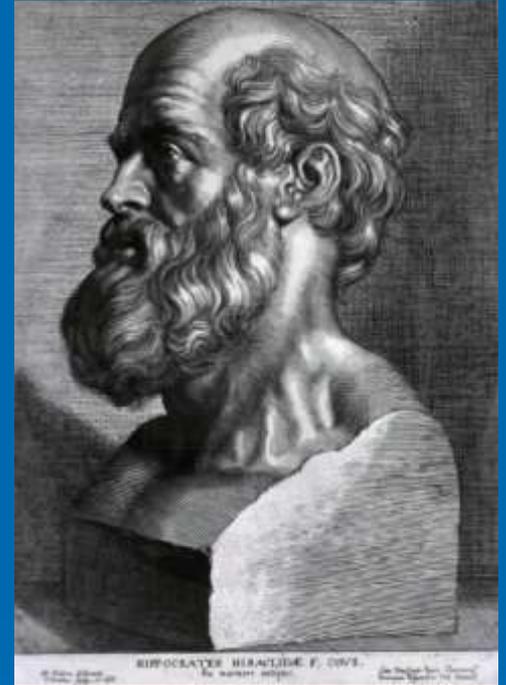


# Pharmacovigilance & Adverse Drug Reactions

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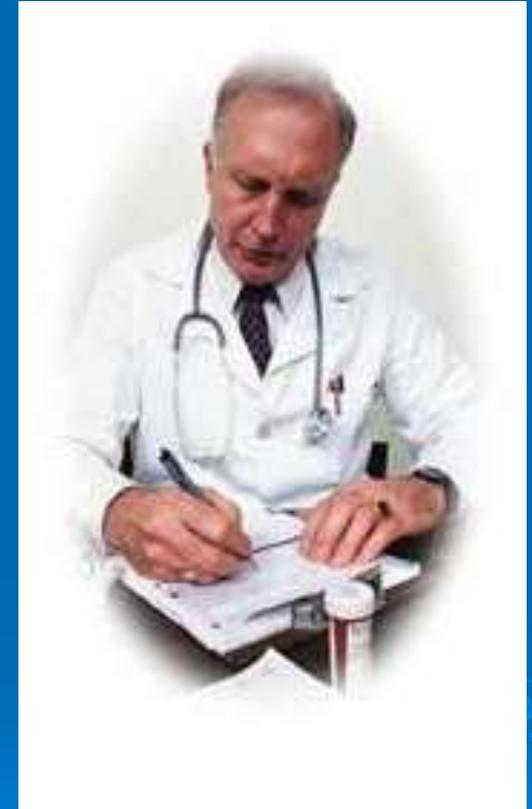
***‘First of all be sure you  
do no harm’***

***Hippocrates (460-370 BC)***



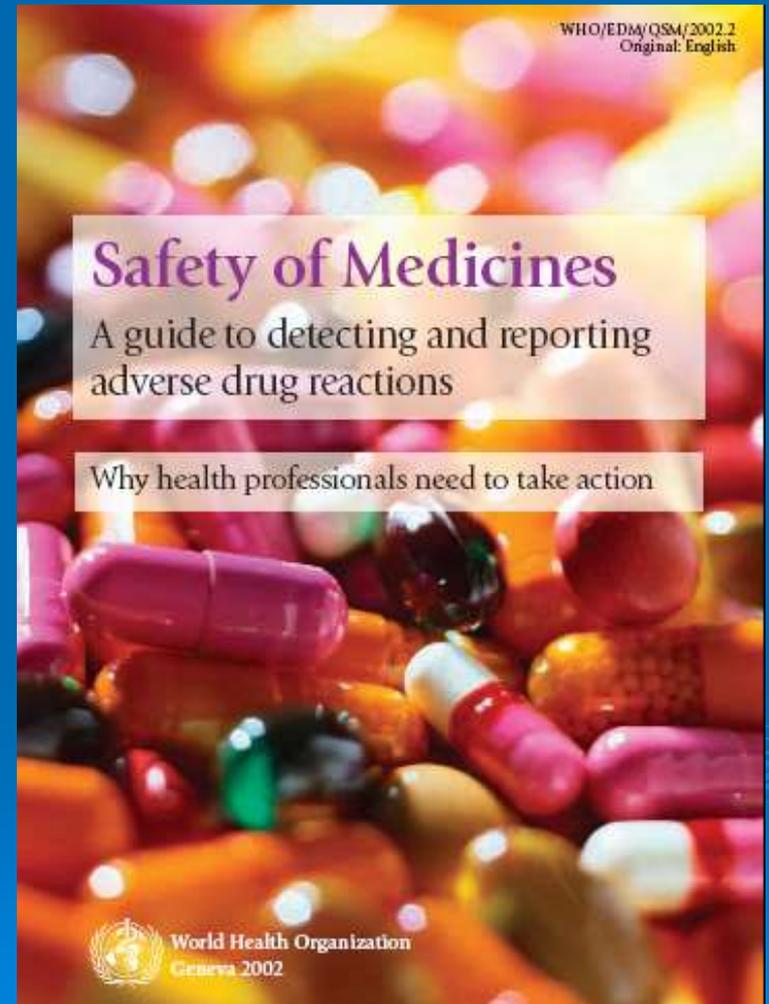
# Pharmacovigilance (PV)

- The root of pharmacovigilance:  
Pharmaco (Greek)= Drug  
Vigilance (Latin)= to keep awake or alert



# Pharmacovigilance (PV)

- ◆ PV is concerned with detection, assessment & prevention of adverse reactions to drugs (ADRs) or any drug-related problems



# Drug-Related Problems

- Lack of efficacy
- Medication errors
- Drug misuse and abuse
- Overdose
- **Quality issues:**
  - Manufacturing defects
  - Contamination
  - Counterfeit products

# Why Pharmacovigilance?

- ❑ Because information collected during pre-marketing phase are incomplete with regard to possible ADR
- ❑ Tests in animals are insufficiently predictive of human safety

# Why Pharmacovigilance?

## ❖ In clinical trials:

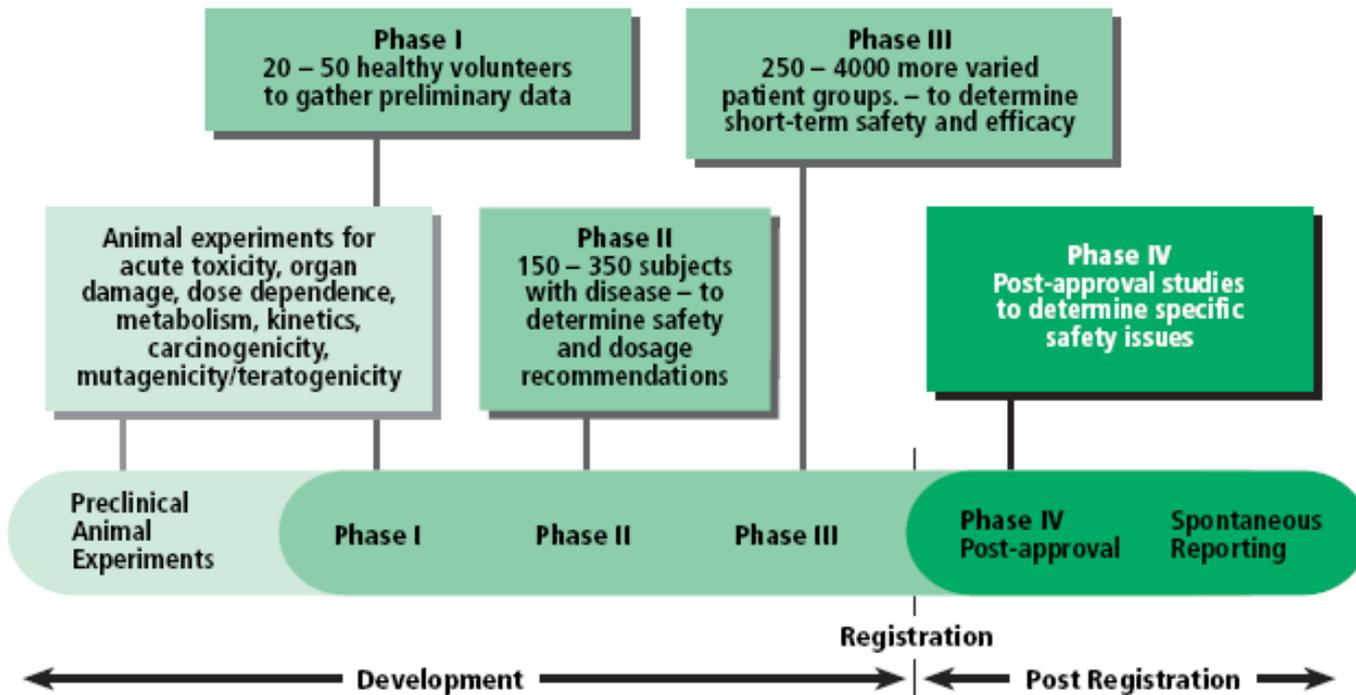
- Patients are limited in number
- Conditions of use differ from those in clinical practice
- Duration of trials is limited

# Why Pharmacovigilance?

- ❖ Information about **rare adverse reactions**, **chronic toxicity**, use in **special groups** (children, elderly or pregnant women) or drug interactions is often incomplete or not available

**Post-marketing surveillance by companies is therefore essential**

**Figure 1** Clinical development of medicines



# Definition of ADR

- An ADR is defined according to definition of WHO “any response to a drug which is noxious, unintended & that occurs at doses used in man for prophylaxis, diagnosis, or therapy of diseases”

# Epidemiology of ADRs

- ◆ ADRs represent a significant cause of morbidity & mortality
- ◆ Many ADRs are mild, sometimes serious & can cause death
- ◆ U.S, ADRs caused 100 000 deaths per year, 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death
- ◆ About 50% of ADRs are preventable

# Importance of ADRs



- ◆ Prolong length of stay in hospitals
- ◆ Increase **costs** of patient care (£600 million NHS in UK)
- ◆ Commonest cause of drug withdrawal from market (recall):
  - ARBs (Valsartan, Losartan, Irbesartan) **2019**
  - **Reductil (Sibutramine) 2010**
  - **Valdecoxib (Bextra) 2005**
  - **Rofecoxib (Vioxx) 2004**

# Classification of ADRs

## ◆ Classification of Rawlins & Thompson

### Type A reactions

- Augmentation of known pharmacological effect of drug
- Predictable
- Dose related
- **e.g. warfarin causing bleeding**

### Type B reactions

- Bizarre (idiosyncratic)
- Not dose dependent
- Unpredictable
- **e.g. carbamazepine-induced skin rash**



# Warfarin-induced calf haematoma



# Carbamazepine-induced Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS)



- ADRs according frequency are divided into **very common, common, rare, very rare**
- ADRs divided according to severity into **mild, moderate, severe**

# ADRs is considered serious if:

1. Causes **death of patient**
2. **Life-threatening**
3. Prolong **inpatient hospitalisation**
4. Causes **significant or persist disability**
5. **Congenital abnormality**

# Risk Factors Predisposing to ADRs

- **Age**
- **Long duration of treatment**
- **Polypharmacy**
- **Liver, kidney diseases**

# Causes of ADRs

1. **Patient**
2. **Drug**
3. **Prescriber**
4. **Environmental factors**

# Causes of ADRs

## 1. The patient:

- Age (**over 60**)
- Genetic factors (e.g. polymorphisms in CYP450)
- Previous history of ADR
- Hepatic or renal diseases

# Causes of ADRs

## 2. The drug

- Narrow therapeutic index, e.g. **warfarin, digoxin**
- **Antimicrobials** have a tendency to cause allergy & may lead to **type B reactions**
- Ingredients of a formulation, e.g. **colouring, flavouring**

# Causes of ADRs

## 3. The prescriber:

- A drug is used for an inappropriately long time
- At a critical phase in pregnancy
- Given with other drugs (**drug-drug interactions**)

## 4. Environmental factors:

- Diet, smoking, alcohol

# Drugs Most Commonly Causing ADRs

- Warfarin
- Diuretics
- Digoxin
- Antibacterials
- Steroids
- Antihypertensives
- Anticancer drugs
- Immunomodulators
- Analgesics
- Biological & biosimilars

# Burden of Adverse Drug Reactions



Admission

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In patients

Adverse Drug Reactions in Hospital In-Patients: A Prospective Analysis of 3695 Patient-Episodes

Emma C. Davies<sup>1,2</sup>, Christopher F. Green<sup>3</sup>, Stephen Taylor<sup>4</sup>, Paula R. Williamson<sup>5</sup>, David R. Mottram<sup>2</sup>, Munir Pirmohamed<sup>5\*</sup>

A & E

National Surveillance of Emergency Department Visits for Outpatient Adverse Drug Events

Daniel S. Budnitz; Daniel A. Pollock; Kelly N. Weidenbach; et al.

Primary care

**PATIENT SAFETY**  
Adverse Drug Events in Ambulatory Care

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# Burden of Adverse Drug Reactions

Admission

Drug-induced admissions to medical wards at Jordan University Hospital

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In patients

Incidence of Adverse Drug Reactions in Alkarak Hospital:  
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Adverse drug reactions experience in a teaching hospital  
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## Medicines 'killing 10,000 people'

**More than 10,000 Britons may be dying each year because of bad reactions to medication, a study suggests.**

Researchers at the University of Liverpool assessed 18,820 people admitted to two hospitals in Merseyside between November 2001 and April 2002.



Some drugs can have serious side-effects

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*BMJ* 2004;329:15–19

- ◆ **6.5%** (n=1224) of admissions are due to ADRs
- ◆ **Seven 800-bed** hospitals are occupied by ADR patients
- ◆ **Death in 0.15%** - equivalent to **5700** deaths per year
- ◆ **Cost NHS £600 million** per annum

# Incidence of Adverse Drug Reactions in Alkarak Hospital: A Pilot Study

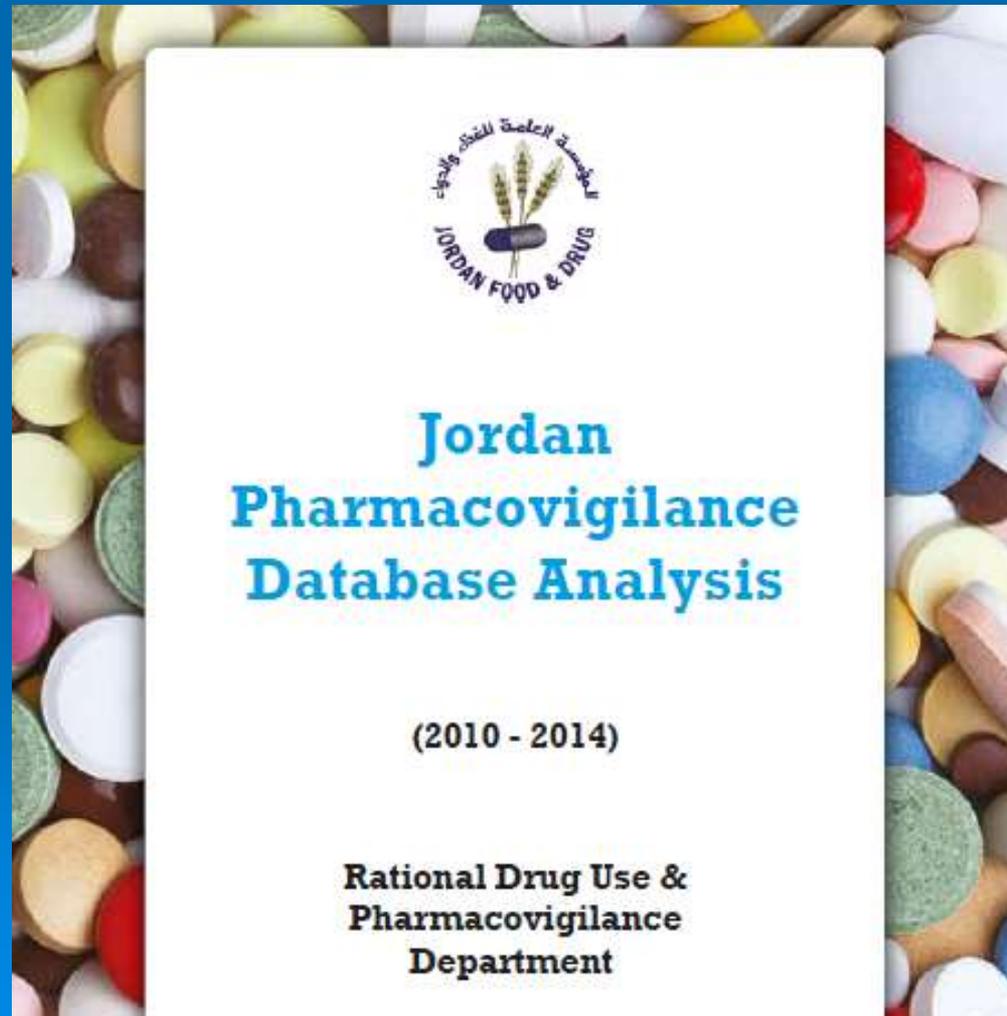
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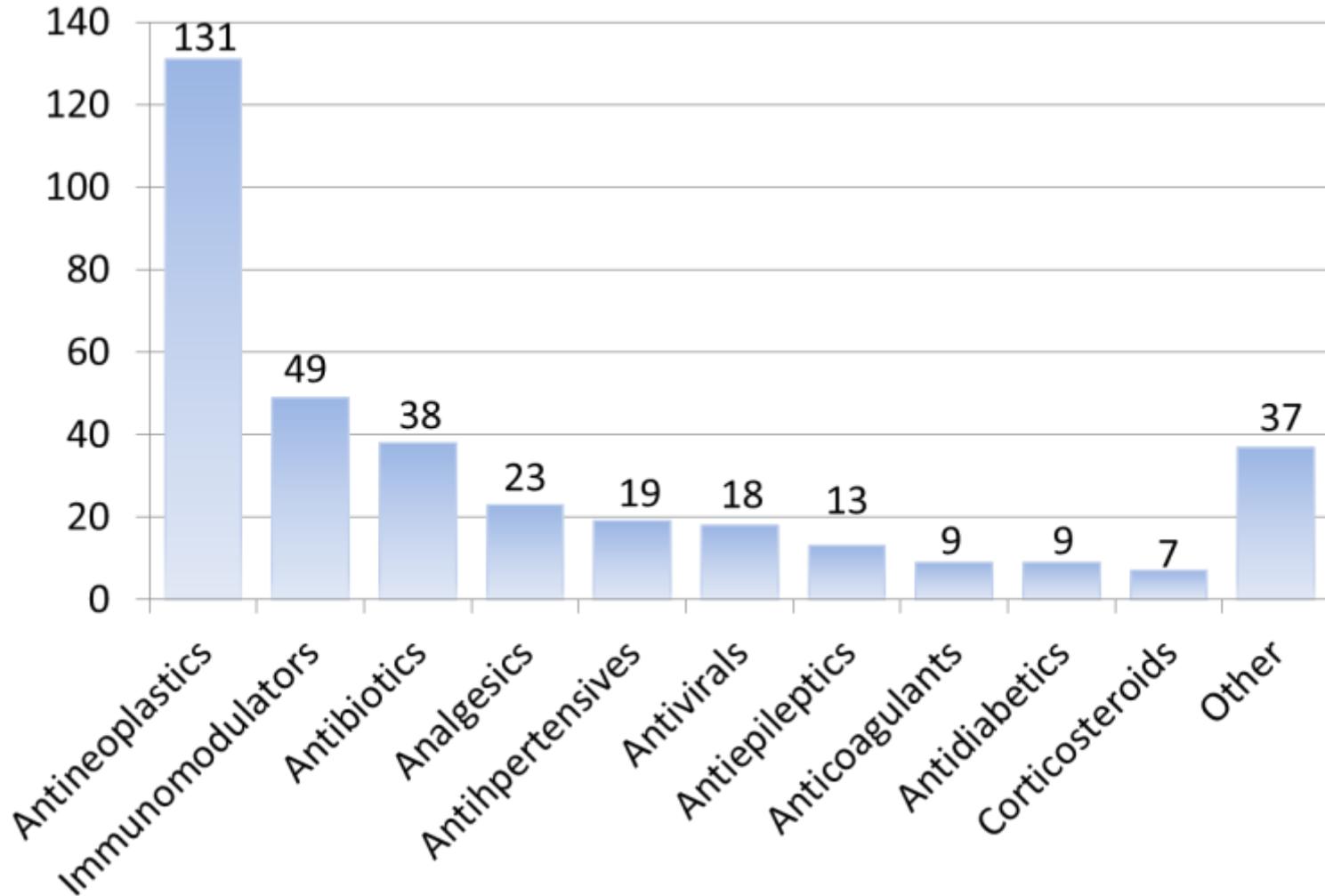
- ❖ 16 of 200 patients (8%) suffered from one or more ADRs
- ❖ **50%** of ADRs were **avoidable**
- ❖ One patient died during admission and his death was contributed to an ADR

## Analysis of the National Pharmacovigilance Database in Jordan (2010-2014)

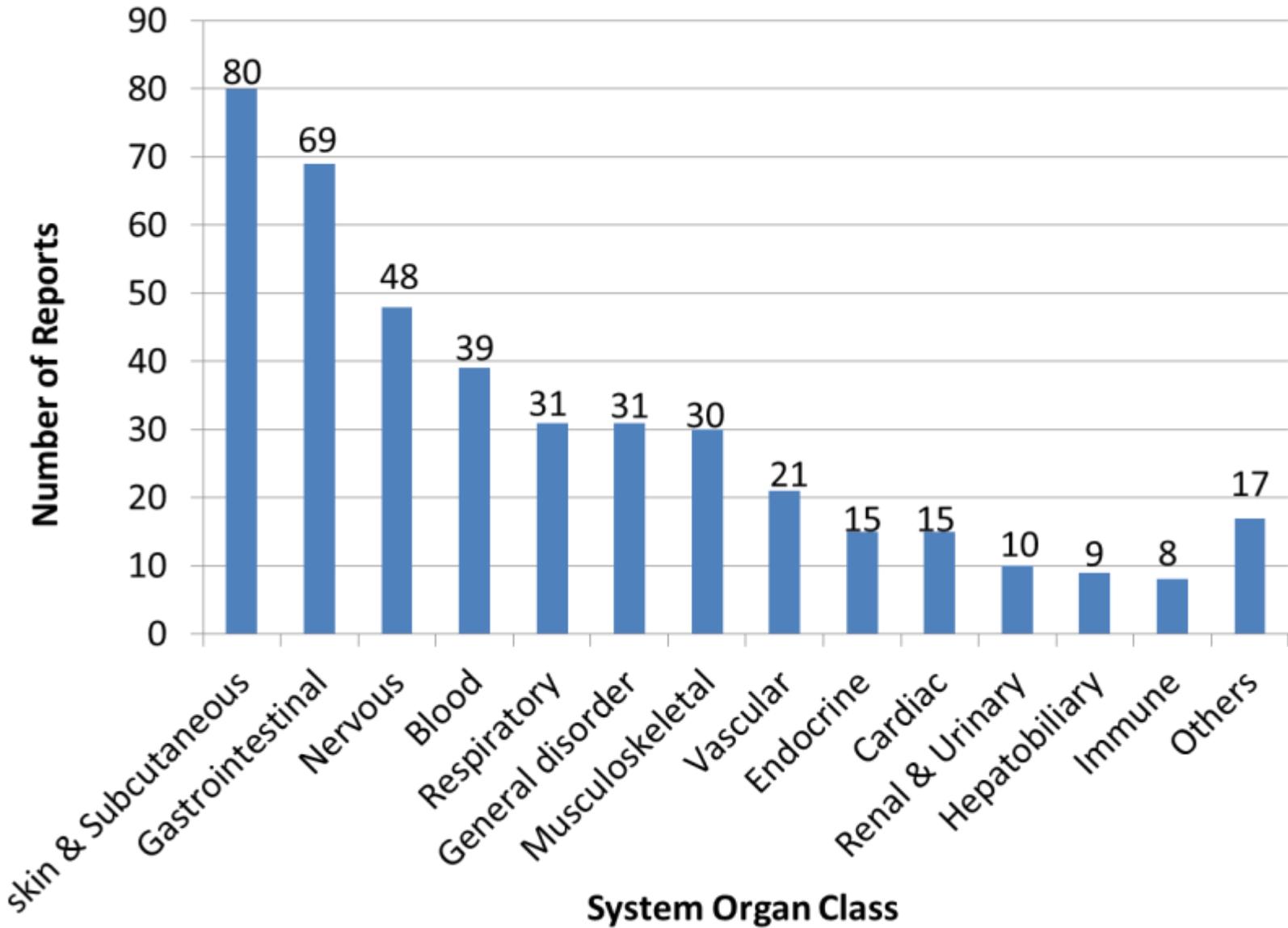
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# Number of ADR Reports / Drug Class



# Number of ADR Reports / System Organ Class



# Why report suspected ADRs?

- ❑ **Documentation of ADRs** in patients' records is often poor
- ❑ **Physicians fear** that reporting of ADR may put them at risk
- ❑ **Under-reporting** is common phenomenon

# Methods of Reporting ADRs

- Spontaneous reporting:  
‘Yellow Card system’

# Reporting Methods

## 1- Spontaneous reporting: (Voluntary)

- Doctors, nurses & pharmacists are **supplied with forms** to record suspected ADRs
- Regional PV centers at hospitals
- Reporting ADRs to National Pharmacovigilance Centre
- In UK & Jordan this is called 'Yellow Card system'

# Online ADRs reporting form



## Adverse Drug reaction reporting

Reporter >

Report >

Summary >

Finished

Here you can report adverse reactions from drugs, vaccines or traditional herbal medicine products. Please fill in the information as complete as possible.

\* = Mandatory field, (?) = Help text for a field

### Reporter

Email \*

Language \*

English ▾

Reporter \* (?)



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Question	Yes	No	Do not Know or not Done
1. Are there previous conclusive reports on this reaction?	(+1)	(0)	(0)
2. Did the adverse event appear after the suspected drug was given?	(+2)	(-1)	(0)
3. Did the adverse reaction improve when the drug was discontinued or a specific antagonist was given?	(+1)	(0)	(0)
4. Did the adverse reaction appear when the drug was readministered?	(+2)	(-2)	(0)
5. Are there alternative causes that could have caused the reaction?	(-1)	(+2)	(0)
6. Did the reaction reappear when a placebo was given?	(-1)	(+1)	(0)
7. Was the drug detected in any body fluid in toxic concentrations?	(+1)	(0)	(0)
8. Was the reaction more severe when the dose was increased, or less severe when the dose was decreased?	(+1)	(0)	(0)
9. Did the patient have a similar reaction to the same or similar drugs in any previous exposure?	(+1)	(0)	(0)
10. Was the adverse event confirmed by any objective evidence?	(+1)	(0)	(0)



# International Collaboration

- **WHO International Drug Monitoring programme, 86 member nations** have systems to record & report ADRs
- Member countries send their report to **Uppsala Monitoring Centre (Sweden)** where they are entered into **WHO Database**



October 2004  
World Health Organization  
Geneva

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## Pharmacovigilance: ensuring the safe use of medicines



- WHO database (**vigibase**) include **15 million** case reports

# U.S. Food and Drug Administration

- MedWatch is FDA reporting system in U.S. for adverse effects of drugs

The screenshot shows the MedWatch website interface. At the top, the browser title is "MedWatch - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The website header features the MedWatch logo and the text "The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program". Below the header, there is a video player showing a man in a suit and glasses. To the right of the video is a blue banner with the text "FDA MedWatch and Patient Safety" and the MedWatch logo. Below the video player, there is a "CONTENT" section with the following text: "MedWatch Learning Module", "U.S. Food & Drug Administration", "TO ACCESS PRESENTATION CHAPTERS:", "This presentation will automatically play from beginning to end, however, if you want to jump ahead to specific portions, simply click on the CHAPTERS button above and then select the portion you want to watch." To the right of this text is a "Supplemental Materials" section with a list of links: "General", "Case Studies", and "Support Materials".

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