

# Pharmacovigilance & Adverse Drug Reactions

*"Medication Safety"*

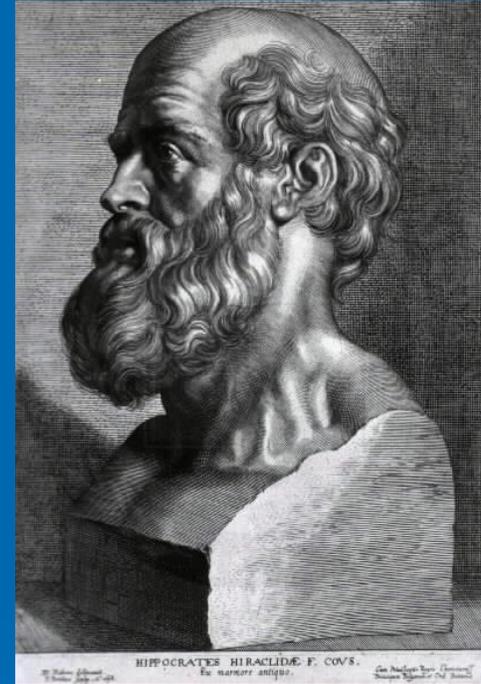
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- Side effects may occur on normal doses.

***'First of all be sure you  
do no harm'***

*1<sup>st</sup> rule in medicine*

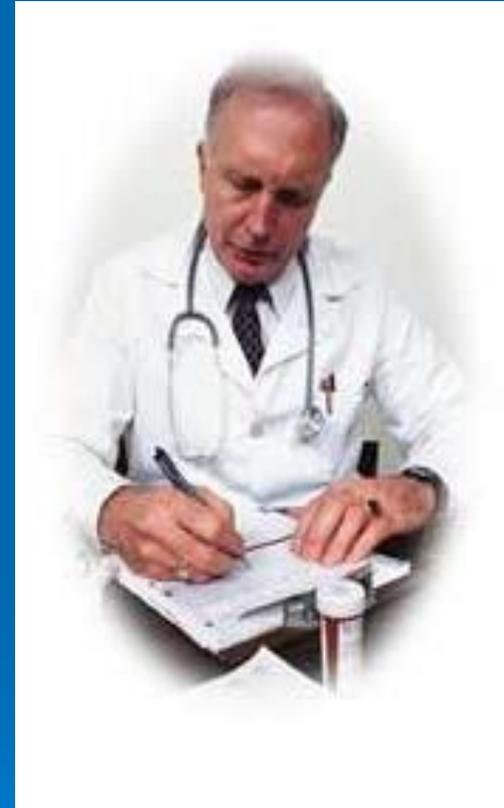
***Hippocrates (460-370 BC)***



# Pharmacovigilance (PV)

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

↳ you have to make sure that the patient doesn't express any unwanted Adverse effects

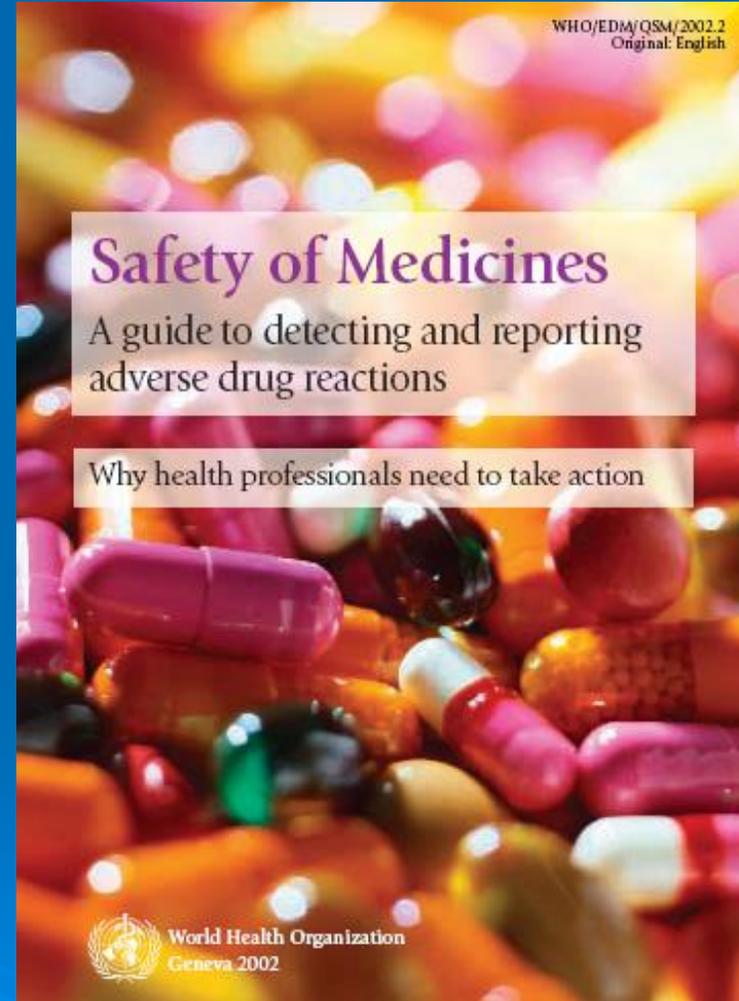


# Pharmacovigilance (PV)

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

*need to know em all.*

*من كطابق sign ما بي  
ما تكون لها علاقة  
بالدواء وانما ظهرت  
عن طريق الصدفة!  
لهذا نزيد تسجيل  
وتوثيق كل شي*



# Drug-Related Problems

- Lack of efficacy *Antihypertension, but the BP is still high, why?*
  - Medication errors
  - Drug misuse and abuse
  - Overdose  $\Rightarrow$  High dose (Toxic)
  - **Quality issues:**
    - Manufacturing defects  $\Rightarrow$  سوء تصنيع الأدوية  $\Rightarrow$  جودة الدواء
    - Contamination
    - Counterfeit products  $\rightarrow$  مُقلد
- المسؤول عن هذا  
التدقيق بالأردنية هو  
مؤسسة الغذاء  
و الدواء .*

# 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

① Benefit-Risk ratio  $\Rightarrow$  increases? keeps going  
should be balanced

① Any drug must be tested through clinical trials

① Clinical trials give us a feedback on a lot of people of how the drug effects and Record all the side effects.

# Why Pharmacovigilance?

❖ In clinical trials: ⇒ disadvantage! They recruit low #'s of people

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

↳ Ex ⇒ like covid vaccines they had a short period of time because we had a pandemic and we wanted to end it ASAP.

↓  
People w/  
diabetes  
hypertensions  
cancer  
chronic  
diseases, etc

# 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

on the use  
for long  
period (years)

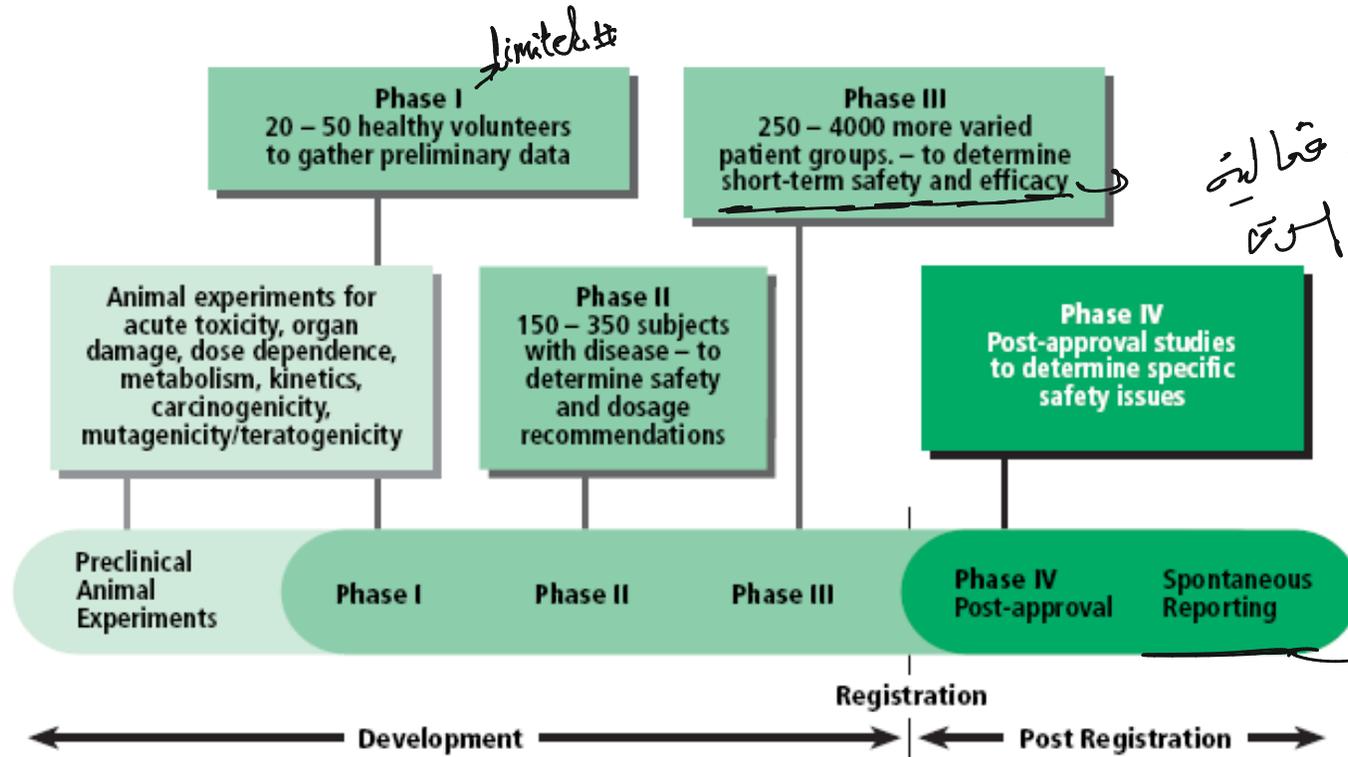
Hard to detect

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

And it may keep going for years!

درمان دارو  
نوع دارو

**Figure 1 Clinical development of medicines**



اذا ثبتت فعاليتها  
في علاج المرض

surveillance  
studies keep  
recording of how  
the drug is doing  
why? chronic  
toxicity.

# 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”

*Harmful*



# 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

يمكن تجنب بعضها!

like cough & sneeze 24 hrs and gone!

Not common!  
But can occur!

# 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):  $\Rightarrow$  if the risk is higher than the Benefit!

□ ARBs (Valsartan, Losartan, Irbesartan) **2019**

□ **Reductil (Sibutramine)** **2010** *أدوية سمنة، ولكن زياد نسبة الإكثار*

□ **Valdecoxib (Bextra)** **2005**

□ **Rofecoxib (Vioxx)** **2004**

*used in Rheumatoid Arthritis  
 $\Rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  risk of CV events.*

# Classification of ADRs

Type A + Type B are the most important!

## ◆ Classification of Rawlins & Thompson

### Type A reactions

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

↳ we test the INR and we then put a specific dose upon patient's condition.

### Type B reactions

- Bizarre (idiosyncratic)
- Not dose dependent → The dose is not a problem
- Unpredictable ⇒ Ex ⇒ Allergy
- e.g. carbamazepine-induced skin rash



epileptic seizure drug



## ed calf haematoma

needs  
ambulation

Severe ADR's!

# Carbamazepine-induced Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS)

Type B

→ skin necrosis



- 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 ⇒  $G_x \rightarrow$   $\text{ICU}$  *میرغل*
3. Prolong inpatient hospitalisation
4. Causes significant or persist disability
5. Congenital abnormality ⇒ For the fetus if the mother took the drug.

# Risk Factors Predisposing to ADRs

- **Age**
- **Long duration of treatment**
- **Polypharmacy** → uses too many drugs (old age) mostly
- **Liver, kidney diseases**

عوامل لازم أخذها بعين الاعتبار كطبيب لما بي  
أصرف أدوية .

↳ you need to lower the dose then !

# Causes of ADRs

1. **Patient**
2. **Drug**
3. **Prescriber**
4. **Environmental factors** *plays a huge role!*

# Causes of ADRs

## 1. The patient:

- Age (**over 60**) ⇒ because of polypharmacy mostly!
- Genetic factors (e.g. polymorphisms in CYP450) → found in liver.
- Previous history of ADR (ex → Asking about the Allergies)
- Hepatic or renal diseases ↳ to prevent the ADR's.

# 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 *Ex → The body got used to the drug!*
- At a critical phase in pregnancy *⇒ Mostly 1<sup>st</sup> trimester!*
- Given with other drugs (**drug-drug interactions**)

## 4. Environmental factors:

- Diet, smoking, alcohol

# Drugs Most Commonly Causing ADRs

- Warfarin
- Diuretics
- Digoxin ⇒ Heart failure
- Antibacterials
- Steroids ⇒ <sup>Ex:</sup> Corticosteroids is good  
but has too many ADRs.
- Antihypertensives
- Anticancer drugs
- Immunomodulators
- Analgesics
- Biological & biosimilars

# Burden of Adverse Drug Reactions

الإفراط في استخدام الأدوية  
\*  
→



Admission

Adverse drug reactions as cause of admission to hospital: prospective analysis of 18 820 patients  
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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>4</sup>, David R. Mottram<sup>2</sup>, Munir Pirmohamed<sup>5\*</sup>

A & E

أحداث  
أدوية  
الطوارئ

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  
Tejal K. Gandhi, M.D., M.P.H., Saul N. Weingart, M.D., Ph.D., Joshua Borus, B.A., Andrew C. Seger, R.Ph., Josh Peterson, M.D., Elisabeth Burdick, M.S., Diane L. Seger, R.Ph., Kirstin Shu, B.A., Frank Federico, R.Ph., Lucian L. Leape, M.D., and David W. Bates, M.D.

# Adverse drug reactions experience in a teaching hospital in Jordan

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# Adverse Drug Reactions

Drug-induced admissions to medical wards at Jordan University Hospital

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*(Inter J of Cl Phar & Ther, 1998, 36(9):478-482)*

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In patients

Incidence of Adverse Drug Reactions in Alkarak 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

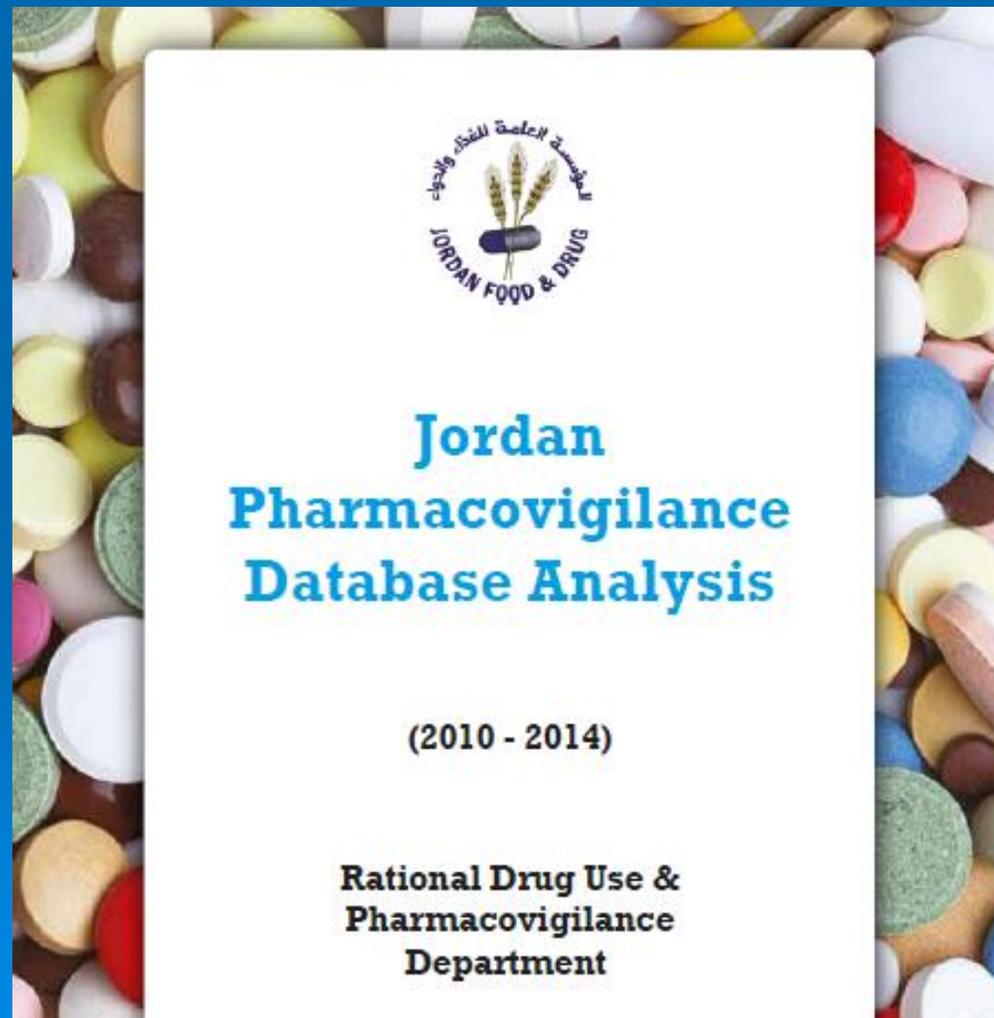
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- ❖ 16 of 200 patients (8%) suffered from one or more ADRs
- ❖ **50%** of ADRs were **avoidable**
- ❖ One patient died during admission and his death was contributed to an ADR

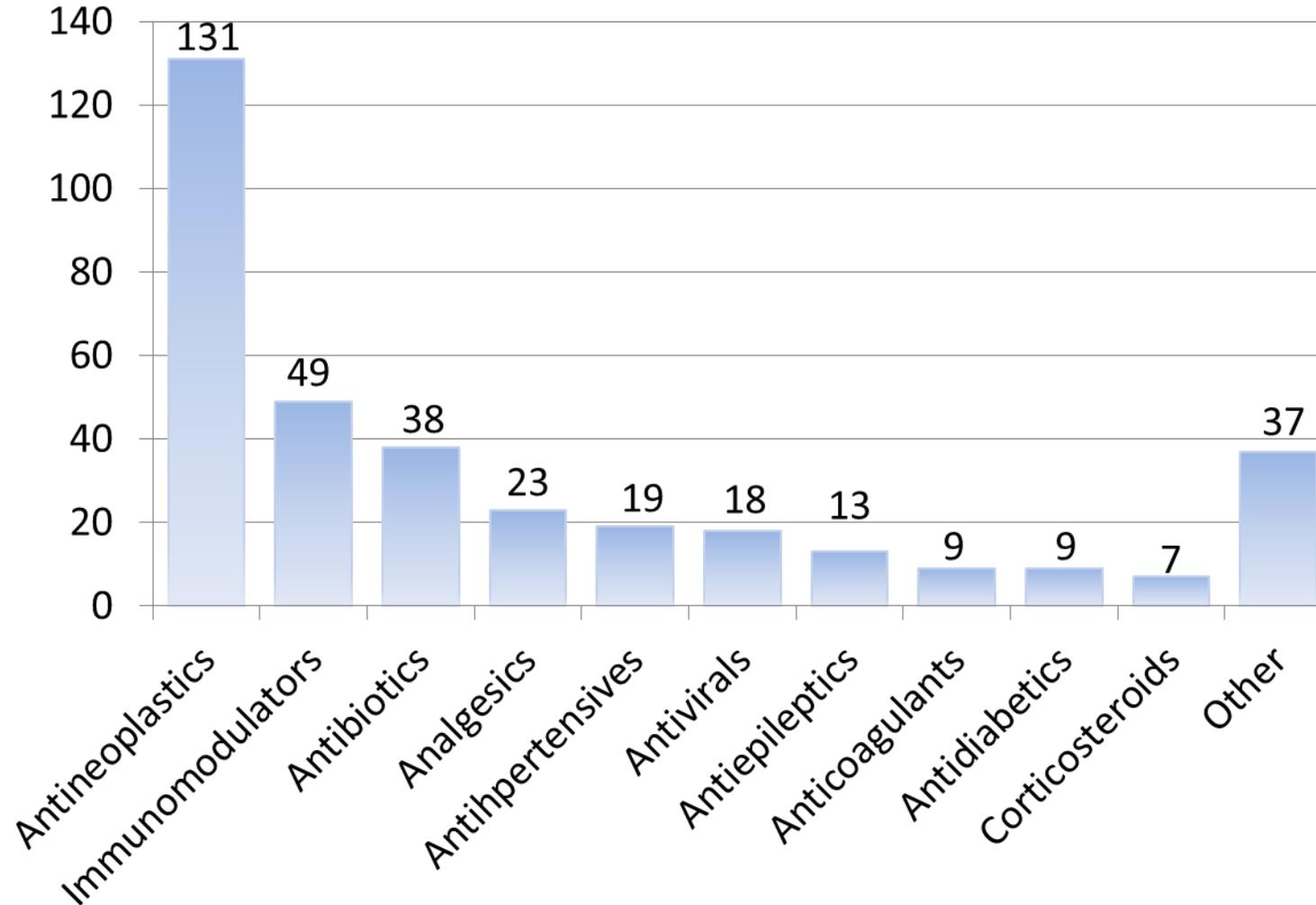
## Analysis of the National Pharmacovigilance Database in Jordan (2010-2014)

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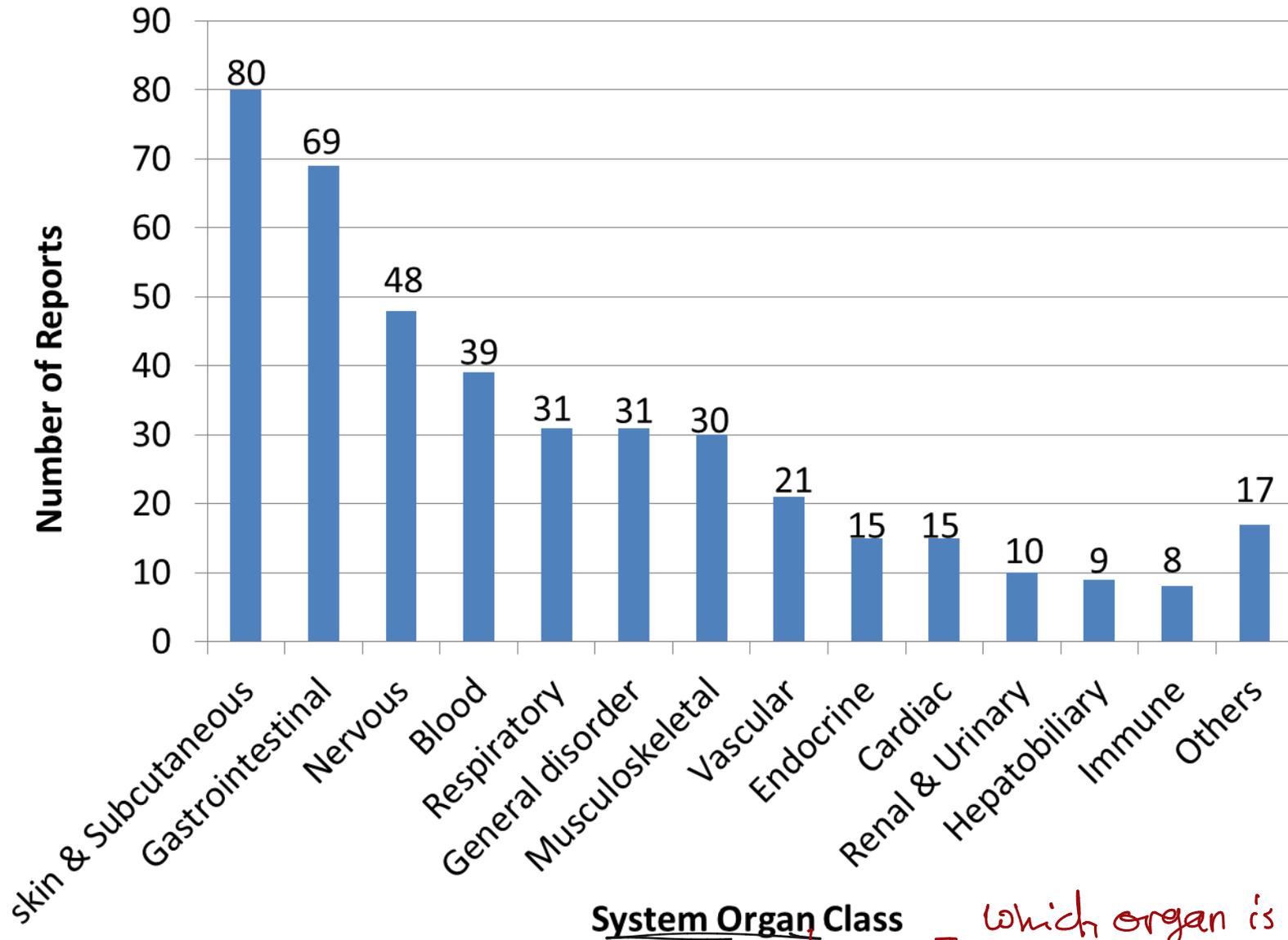


# Number of ADR Reports / Drug Class

*Based on* →



# Number of ADR Reports / System Organ Class



System Organ Class → which organ is most affected!

# Why report suspected ADRs?

- ❑ **Documentation of ADRs** in patients' records is often poor *⇒ Not good for greater good, why?*
- ❑ **Physicians fear** that reporting of ADR may put them at risk
- ❑ **Under-reporting** is common phenomenon  
*→ even if it is mild ADR → report it!*

Any Health Provider

# 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 *→ All the reports goes there for documentation.*
- 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 \*

Reporter \* (?)



Type the characters exactly as in the image \*

I accept the [terms](#) [Next page](#)

Paper Form

نموذج رصد الآثار الجانبية للأدوية المشتبه بحدوثها  
والمشاكل المتعلقة بالمستحضرات الصيدلانية

ملاحظة : المعلومات المتعلقة بشخص كل من المبلغ، المريض، المؤسسة المعنية ستبقى سرية

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خاص بالمؤسسة العامة للغذاء و الدواء							
- تاريخ استلام التقرير: ..... - رقم التقرير الخاص بالبرنامج: .....							
ملاحظة : عند وجود الحاجة إلى حيز أكبر ، أرفق تقرير آخر							



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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

⇒ Also Responsible  
to document  
these reports.

➤ **WHO International Drug Monitoring programme**, 86 member nations have systems to record & report ADRs

➤ Member countries send their report to

**Uppsala Monitoring Centre (Sweden)** ⇒ Location

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 in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The page features the MedWatch logo and the text "The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program". A video player is embedded on the left, showing a man in a suit. To the right 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 heading "MedWatch Learning Module" and "U.S. Food & Drug Administration". It includes instructions on how to access presentation chapters. On the right side, there is a "Supplemental Materials" section with a list of items: "Tutorial", "PowerPoint", and "Support Documents".

# Jordan Food & Drug Administration (JFDA)



Jordan Pharmacovigilance Centre

# Pharmacovigilance Center for South Jordan/ Alkarak Governmental Hospital



لا تتردد

بالإعلام عن أي آثار جانبية للدواء المستخدم

**Don't Hesitate**

to inform about any adverse reactions  
of your medicine



# Jordan National Drug Formulary

(JNDF)

