

#MedSafetyWeek campaigns and materials

2023 – Who can report?

Patients, doctors, nurses, and pharmacists all have a key role to play in the cycle of medicines safety. For #MedSafetyWeek 2023, we explored the different perspectives that come from these groups and how, combined, the information they provide can help make medicines safer.

Graphic material and social media posts available, plus animations in:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- Russian
- Spanish

2022 – How medicines safety works

All medicines may cause side effects, but by reporting them, we can all help identify emerging safety issues and protect others from harm. For #MedSafetyWeek 2022, we focused on the key role of healthcare professionals and patients in the cycle of medicines safety.

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2021 – Vaccines

Vaccines are the best way to protect individuals against infectious diseases and have already saved millions of lives. Like all medicines, side effects can happen. For #MedSafetyWeek 2021, we encouraged healthcare professionals, national immunisation programme staff, as well as patients and their families, to report problems experienced with vaccines, including COVID-19 jabs.

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2020 – Every report counts

For #MedSafetyWeek 2020, we invited patients, carers and healthcare professionals to report suspected side effects from medicines, including new treatments or medicines they've been taking or prescribing for a long time. Because every report counts – and can help others in future.

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2019 – Polypharmacy

What happens when there is more than one medicine in the mix? During #MedSafetyWeek 2019, we raised awareness of polypharmacy (when patients take several medicines) and the side effects that can occur because of that.

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2018 – Children & pregnancy

Children and pregnant women are particularly susceptible to side effects, because they are not included in clinical trials when the safety profile of medicines is investigated. That means we must take extra care to ensure that medicines and doses are correct for these patient groups and report any side effects that may occur. In 2018, #MedSafetyWeek raised awareness of side effects in children and during pregnancy.

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2017 – Side effects

The first-of-its-kind campaign raised awareness of side effects of medicines and reminded patients to take their medicines as instructed.

Animations available in:

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