An adverse drug reaction is any undesirable or unintended side effect to any medications (or ingredients), vaccines, anaesthetic gases or other agents.

It is important you have a record of any medications you have taken that have caused side effects.

Ensure you are able to identify the medication that caused the reaction as it may be known by more than one name. Every medication has an approved generic name and if it is made by several companies, each company will also give the medication a different brand (trade) name. So each medication will have one generic name, but may have more than one brand name. This can sometimes lead to confusion.

For example: ibuprofen (generic name) is available as Brufen[®], Nurofen[®], Advil[®].

Some tablets may also contain more than one medication e.g. Panadeine Forte[®] contains paracetamol and codeine.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

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For consumers and carers

Adverse Drug Reaction Information



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While you were in hospital, you had an adverse reaction to a medication or one of its ingredients.

Details of the reaction are recorded in the table in this document.

To prevent it happening again, it is important that you avoid this medication or ingredient in the future.

This is an Adverse Drug Reaction Alert Card for your reference.

- Your doctor, pharmacist, nurse or midwife will have discussed the details of what happened with you.
- The adverse reaction that occurred was recorded in your medical notes and on your medication chart.
- You will have been given a red patient identification band to indicate that you have had an adverse reaction to a medication.
- The hospital will inform your GP about the adverse reaction in your discharge letter.
- If a severe or life-threatening reaction occurred, the adverse reaction will be recorded in the electronic Patient Administration System (PAS) to alert all doctors and clinical team looking after you if you come back to hospital again.





What you need to do:

- Tell all of your healthcare professionals about your adverse reaction, including your GP, community pharmacist and dentist, before any new medication is prescribed or started, and before you undergo any further medical treatment or procedures.
- Tell your family members and carers about the adverse reaction you had to the medication or ingredient.
- If you need to come back to hospital, bring this card and inform your doctor, nurse, midwife or pharmacist about the adverse reaction you experienced.
- Discuss with your GP whether membership to the MedicAlert[®] Foundation (medicalert. org.au/) and wearing a MedicAlert[®] bracelet or necklace containing details of your adverse reaction is worthwhile.
- Add details to your My Health Record.

Medication*	Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR)	Date of reaction (if known)	Date of reaction Level of verification (if known) and comment
*Medication can include vaccines	*Medication can include vaccines, anaesthetic gases, ingredients or other agents	ıts	
Doctor/pharmacist (print name) _	(8		
Telephone contact		Date/	/