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### Med Safety Week 2022

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The Ministry of Health & Wellness joins various countries in observing #MedSafetyWeek 2022 from November 7 to 13, 2022. During this week, the ministry will embark on a social media campaign to raise awareness of pharmacovigilance systems among patients and the public and to promote recognition and reporting of suspected side effects.

This seventh annual #MedSafetyWeek is being celebrated under the theme, **“How patients and healthcare professionals make safety work,”** which aims to encourage everyone to report suspected side effects of medicines. This year’s campaign involves medicine regulators from 82 countries and focuses on the key role of every healthcare professional, patient and caregiver that reports suspected side effects and contributes to using medicines safely.

All medicines may cause side effects in some patients, so there are steps in place to continuously monitor their safety after they are placed on the market. The ministry encourages everyone to report suspected side effects to their healthcare professional. All healthcare professionals can report suspected side effects through the VigiCarib reporting form at <https://form.jotform.co/72934157245864>.

By reporting suspected side effects, you are actively participating in identifying emerging safety issues, which will lead to appropriate action taken when necessary to protect you and others from harm.

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