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## **SOP: Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) Management**

### **1. Purpose**

- Ensure quick identification, management, and reporting of ADRs.
- Promote patient safety and regulatory compliance.

### **2. Scope**

- Applies to all staff prescribing, dispensing, administering, or monitoring medication.
- Covers all suspected or confirmed ADRs in the facility.

### **3. Responsibilities**

- Healthcare worker: Act immediately and report ADR
- Pharmacist/clinician/pharmacovigilance officer: Review, document, submit reports.
- Practice owner/IPC officer: Ensure staff training.

## **4. Procedure**

### **4.1 Immediate Action**

- Stop suspected medication.
- Provide emergency care if needed.
- Monitor vital signs.
- Record onset, symptoms, severity.

### **4.2 Identify Suspected Drug**

- Review of medication chart and records
- Assess likelihood of each drug involved.

#### 4.3 Document in Patient Record

- Drug name, dose, route
- Date/time given.
- Reaction details and severity
- Interventions and outcomes
- Reporter's name/designation

#### 4.4 Report ADR

- Report serious/unexpected ADRs to national authority.
- Use approved form (e.g., yellow card)
- Keep copies in the file.

#### 4.5 Patient Feedback

- Explain reaction and cause.
- Advice on future precautions
- Discuss alternative medications.
- Document counseling

#### 5. Record Keeping

- Store ADR reports securely.
- Keep for internal and external audits.

#### 6. Review & Approval

- SOP signed by relevant authority

Review every 5 years or sooner if guidelines change