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# A Review on Pharmacovigilance

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**Abstract:** Pharmacovigilance defined by the world health organization as "the science and activities relating to the detection, assessment, understanding, assessment and prevention of adverse effects or any other drug related problems". It plays a key role in ensuring that patients receive safe drugs. Our knowledge of a drug's adverse reactions can be increased by various means, including spontaneous reporting, intensive monitoring and database studies. New processes both at a regulatory and scientific level are being developed with the aim of strengthening pharmacovigilance. On a regulatory level transparency and increased patient involvement are two important elements.

**Keywords**: Drug regulation, Drug safety, Intensive monitoring, Pharmacovigilance, Spontaneous reporting, Transparency

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