

GOVERNMENTAL WEB SITES

EUROPE

EUROPE : Heads of Agencies	Portal for the European drug agencies.
EUROPE : DG III / European Commission - Enterprise DG - Pharmaceuticals Cosmetics	Access to EUDRALEX : laws on medicinal products in the European Union. Pharmaceutical legislation, "notice to applicants", guidelines, pharmacovigilance
EUROPE : European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products or European Medicines Evaluation Agency (EMA)	Home page for the EMA site. In particular see the very complete " Documents " section (general reports, Pharmacovigilance Working Party and Safety Working Party Reports, Position statements and CPMP Pharmacovigilance papers, many guidelines and procedures etc.)
DEUTSCHLAND : Paul-Ehrlich-Institut (PEI)	The PEI is an independent Federal Agency under the jurisdiction of the Federal Ministry of Health. Its major functions are to : monitor adverse effects of vaccines, compounds obtained from biotechnology and medicinal blood products etc., and to co-ordinate measures for preventing risks of treatment. Some information in English.
DEUTSCHLAND : BfArM / Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices	Independent federal authority under the responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Health. Grants MA, centralizes and evaluates adverse events, and pronounces on suspensions or withdrawals of MA. Bilingual site.
ENGLAND : Medicines Control Agency (MCA)	The site of the British Health Authorities. In particular see the CSM (Committee on the Safety of Medicines) sections, the department in charge of pharmacovigilance, " Important Safety Messages ", " New Drugs Under Intensive Surveillance ", " Current Problems in Pharmacovigilance " (quarterly pharmacovigilance bulletin, all editions of which since 1996 are on line).
AUSTRIA : Bundesministerium f_r soziale Sicherheit und Generationen (BMSG)	Austrian Health Authorities. Site in German.
BELGIUM : MinistÈre des Affaires Sociales, de la SantÈ Publique et de l'Environnement , Inspection GÈnÈrale de la Pharmacie.	Belgian Ministry of Health. Multilingual site.
DENMARK : Danish Medicines Agency	Danish Health Agency. Site in Danish.
SPAIN : MinistÈre de la SantÈ et de la Consommation / Spanish Drug Agency	Spanish Health Authorities. Bilingual Spanish/English site. See the Committee on Safety of Medicinal Products for Human Use page, which edits its publications, although the page is currently under construction.
FINLAND : National Agency for Medicines	Finish National Drug and Health Agency. In particular see the "Publications" section which gives access to a two monthly information bulletin on medicinal products, although this is in Finish.
FRANCE : Agence FranÁaise de SÈcuritÈ Sanitaire des Produits de SantÈ (AFSSAPS)	The official site of the Agence FranÁaise de SÈcuritÈ Sanitaire des Produits de SantÈ (French Agency for Sanitary Safety of Health Products). You will find a lot of information here. Contacts, health warnings, letters to prescribers, press releases on the safety of medicinal products and also official documents such as good pharmacovigilance practices, and notification forms in pdf format.

FRANCE : Centres RÈgionaux de Pharmacovigilance (CRPV)	Contact details of the 31 CRPV (Regional Pharmacovigilance Centres).
FRANCE : CRPV de Haute-Normandie / Rouen Teaching Hospital	CRPV site. On line information bulletins. Regular updates.
FRANCE : CRPV de Montpellier	Pharmacovigilance and therapeutic interactions : quarterly on-line bulletin. Updated?
FRANCE : CRPV de l'hÙpital Saint-Antoine	Last update in May 1998.
FRANCE : Centres d'Evaluation et d'Information sur la PharmacodÈpendance (CEIP)	Contact details of the 6 CEIP (Centres for Evaluation and Information on Drug-dependence).
FRANCE : RÈseau National De SantÈ Publique / Institut de Veille Sanitaire	Regularly updated information about health risks/also see the Bulletin EpidÈmiologique Hebdomadaire , Epi info (software for analysing epidemiological data) etc.
FRANCE : Agence Nationale d'AccrÈditation et d'Evaluation en SantÈ (ANAES)	Ex ANDEM (traduire). Many documents on accreditation, consensus conferences, recommendations for clinical practice/press reviews on subjects handled by ANAES (traduire).
IRELAND : Irish Medicines Board	Irish Health Authorities. In particular see the " Drug Safety Newsletter " section, on line pharmacovigilance information bulletin.
ISLAND : State Drug Inspectorate	The English version of the site is under construction.
ITALY : Ministry of Health	This site is entirely in Italian.
NETHERLANDS : Medicine Evaluation Board	Netherlands Health Authorities. Bilingual Dutch/English site. See the " Pharmacovigilance " section which shows the wording for the national procedures for notifying adverse events.
POLAND : Drug Institute of Varsovia	The Polish Drug Agency. This site is in Polish.
PORTUGAL : Pharmacy and Drug National Institute	This site is in Portuguese.
SWEDEN : Medical Products Agency	The Swedish Drug Agency. Bilingual Swedish/English site. Access to SPC, regulatory procedures, variations etc.
Scandinavia (Sweden, Norway, Finland, Island et Denmark) : The Nordic Council on Medicines	You may wish to refer to the " Publications " section.
Czech Republic : State Institute for Drug Control	An organization which works under the auspices of the Czech Republic Ministry of Health, responsible for the quality, efficacy and tolerability of medicinal products. Bilingual site.
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA	
ARGENTINA : National Administration of Food Drug and Medical Technology (ANMAT) / National Commission of the National System of Pharmacovigilance	National Administration for Medicinal Products, Foodstuffs and Medical Technology. An official organization working under the auspices of the Argentinean Minister of Health and Social Action. The link takes you to the national pharmacovigilance system (in English). The site is in Spanish.
CANADA : SantÈ Canada	Canadian Ministry responsible for health. Home page. In particular see the " Publications " (on line access) and the " Base de donnÈes pharmaceutiques " sections of the " Programme des Produits ThÈrapeutiques " ("Program for Therapeutic Substances).
USA : FDA / US Food and Drug Administration	Home page of the FDA site. A very large site which is worth exploring.

USA : FDA / Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)	Page dedicated to medicinal products : new registrations, warnings, legislation and national procedures, pharmacovigilance, patient info., meetings, etc. Also see the " Drug Info " section on adverse events.
USA : FDA / CDER / Adverse Event Reporting System	New international pharmacovigilance database based on the ICH recommendations which have replaced the former SRS (Spontaneous Reporting System) since 1997.
USA : FDA / Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)	The equivalent of the CDER for biological substances (including vaccines). See the " Product Info " section.
USA : FDA / MedWatch	Home page. A vast program for the identification, follow up and transmission of spontaneous notifications of adverse events to the FDA and to companies. Information on pharmacovigilance is sent by return to health care professionals. See the "Safety information" section (below).
USA : FDA / MedWatch / Safety Information	"Safety information" section, "Dear Doctor letters" and list of "labelling" changes registered by the FDA for reasons of indications or tolerability.
USA : National Institutes of Health (NIH)	American Medical Research Centre, under the auspices of the DHHS (Dep. of Health and Human Services). In particular see the " Health Information " page.
USA : Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	American Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), under the auspices of DHHS (Dep. of Health and Human Services). In particular see the " Health topics " section which provides much information classified by subject, some of which relates to pharmacovigilance.
USA : National Center for Health Statistics of CDC	Atlas of USA mortality data
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND	
AUSTRALIA : Therapeutic Goods Administration / ADEC	Site of the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee of the TGA (the agency for health care products, a division of the federal department of health).
AUSTRALIA : Therapeutic Goods Administration / Prescription Medicines	"Medicinal products" page of the TGA site. A range of information, drug prescribing manual during pregnancy, ADRAC pharmacovigilance bulletin, guidelines, etc.
NEW ZEALAND : Medsafe	Ministry of Health. Home page for health professionals. In particular see the " Adverse Reaction Reporting and IMMMP " (on line articles containing new pharmacovigilance news about medicinal products).
JAPAN	
JAPAN : Ministry of Health	Home page.
JAPAN : National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS)	Research institute under the auspices of the Ministry of Health responsible for the monitoring of quality, efficacy and tolerability of medicinal products. Access to ICH documents .