Use this crib sheet to help complete a Yellow Card if you suspect that an adverse reaction may be related to an NMS medicine.

**Adverse Drug Reaction suspected?**

- **Yes**
  - **Report**

- **No**
  - **Involves a NMS or black triangle medicine (▼)**
    - **Yes**
      - **Report**
    - **No**
  - **Unlisted reaction in product information**
    - **Yes**
      - **Report**
    - **No**
  - **Involves a child or elderly person**
    - **Yes**
      - **Report**
    - **No**
  - **Unsure to report?**
    - **Yes**
      - **Report**

**The minimum information needed for completing a Yellow Card:**

- **Names of the medicine(s) suspected to have caused the reaction**
  - Details of the suspect medicine(s) if available. For example:
    - dose
    - start and stop dates
    - route of administration
    - Batch numbers especially for vaccines, biosimilars and biological medicines
    - action taken with the drug - stopped, dose change, restarted, none etc.

- **Suspected reaction(s)**
  - Details of the reactions if available:
    - a brief description of reaction
    - diagnosis if relevant
    - start and stop dates of reaction
    - seriousness (use tick boxes on Yellow Card)
    - treatment given
    - reaction outcome

- **At least one patient identifier:**
  - Sex
  - Age
  - Weight
  - initials
  - local identifier
  - All should be completed if available

**Additional information to supply (this information helps assess the Yellow Card):**

- Details of the reactions if available:
  - a brief description of reaction
  - diagnosis if relevant
  - start and stop dates of reaction
  - seriousness (use tick boxes on Yellow Card)
  - treatment given
  - reaction outcome

- **Any additional information you have:**
  - relevant medical history
  - test results
  - other drugs taken in the last 3 months
  - if any rechallenge was performed
  - If it is a congenital abnormality, state all other drugs taken during pregnancy and date of last menstrual period

**Reporter details:**

- Include your name, qualification and full address

If no further information is available, please indicate this on the Yellow Card.

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