COVID-19: reporting suspected side effects of medicines

Help us understand how medicines act in COVID-19

We count on you to continue to report any suspected side effects your patients may experience with medicines they are taking while infected.

Please report all suspected side effects your patients experience while infected, including with medicines intended to treat the disease or pre-existing conditions.

Suspected side effects should be reported even if the medicine is not authorised for use in COVID-19.

For a reminder of how to report to your national authority, please visit the relevant website:

When reporting a suspected side effect in a patient, you should tell us:

- The age and sex of the patient
- Whether the infection was diagnosed through testing or based on clinical symptoms alone
- A description of the side effects
- The name of the medicine (brand name as well as active substance) suspected to have caused the side effects
- Dose and duration of treatment with the medicine
- The batch number of medicine (found on the packaging)
- Any other medicines being taken around the same time, including non-prescription medicines, herbal remedies or contraceptives
- Any other health conditions your patient may have

When reporting side effects, healthcare professionals are encouraged to provide information that is as accurate and complete as possible.