

Adverse Drug Reaction Reporting and Pharmacovigilance in Taiwan

--Current Status and Policy Direction

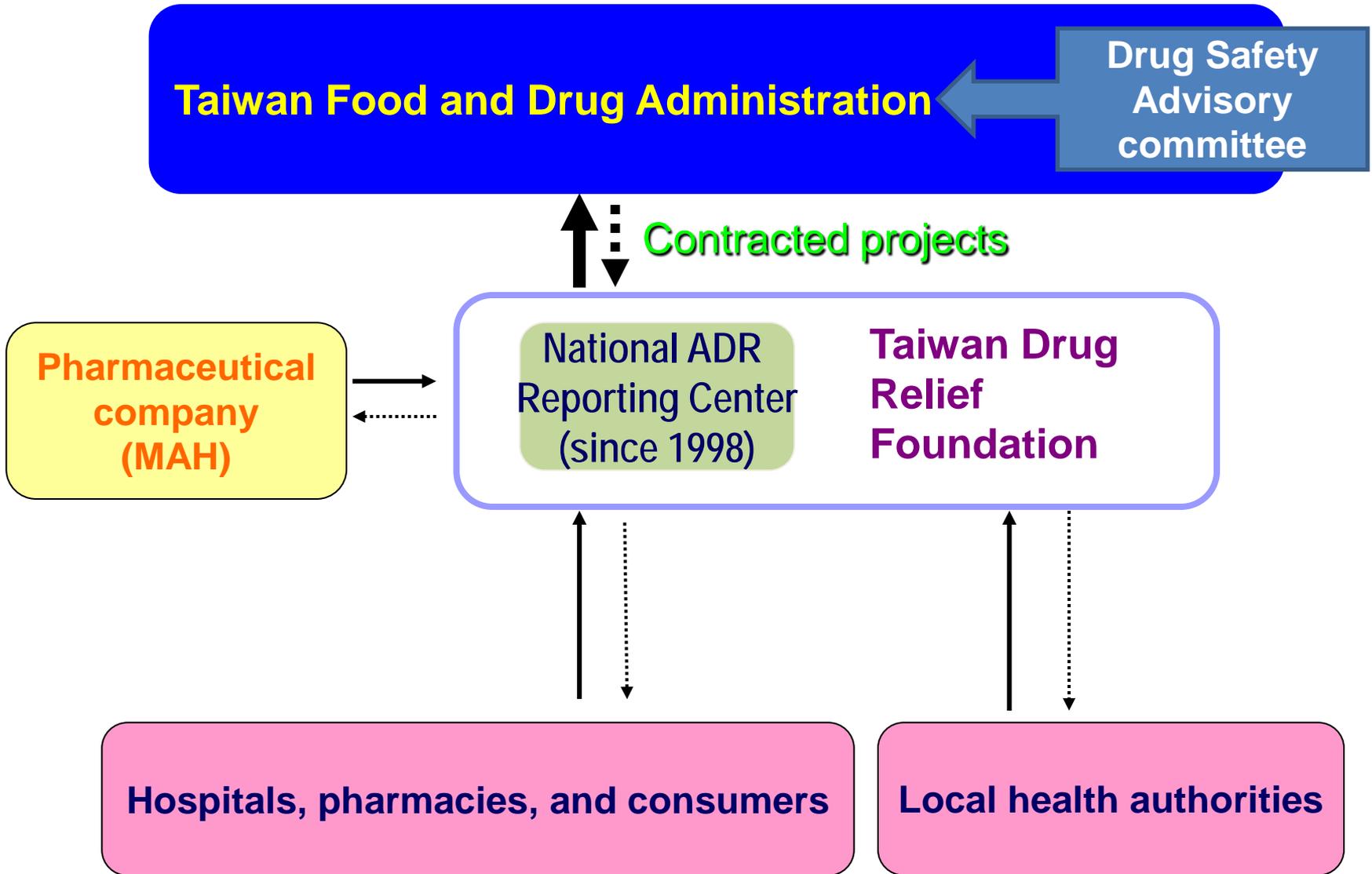
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Outline

- Current legislation and policy
- Current status of Taiwan ADR reporting system
- From ADR reporting to Signal management
- Our achievement
- Future perspectives

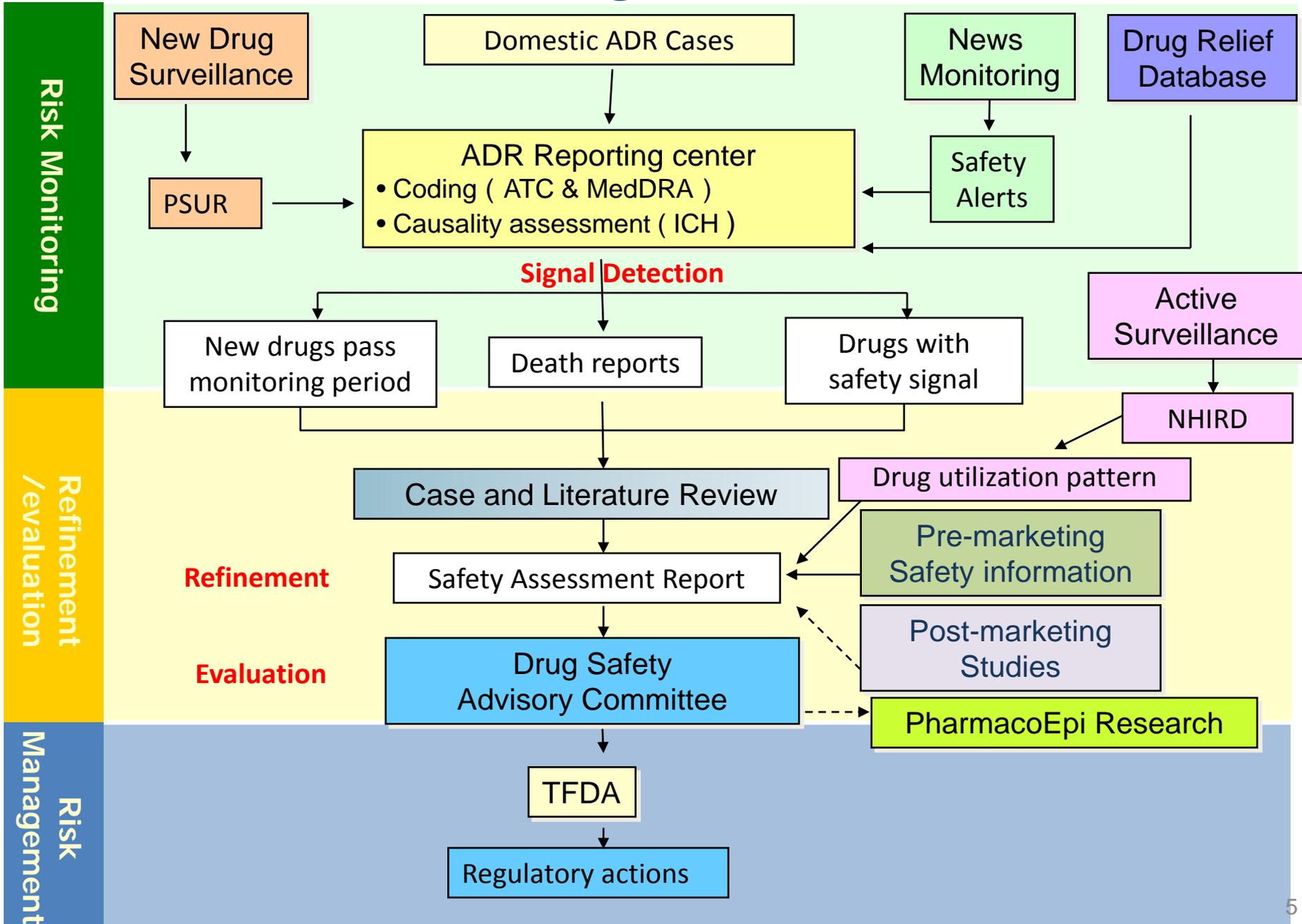
Current scope of post-marketing drug safety surveillance
Pharmacovigilance related legislation in Taiwan

CURRENT LEGISLATION AND POLICY



———→ direction of ADR reporting
 ←----- direction of information delivering

Pharmacovigilance in Taiwan



PV LEGISLATION IN TAIWAN

Legislation

- Article 45 & 45-1, Pharmaceutical Affairs Act
- Announced in Aug 2004
- Medical institutions, pharmacies, and pharmaceutical companies should report all suspected **serious adverse drug reactions** (mandatory to report).
- Article 92: Violators of any of the provisions shall be imposed on a **fine** between **NT\$30,000 ~ NT\$150,000**.

Serious Adverse Drug Reaction

- Death
- Life-threatening
- Permanent disability/incapacity
- Congenital anomaly/birth defect
- Result in hospitalization or prolongation of an existing hospitalization
- Require further management to avoid from possible permanent injuries

Filial Law of

Article 45-1, Pharmaceutical Affairs Act

(Reporting Time Frame)

- Fatal or life-threatening serious ADRs
 - **Medical institutions and pharmacies** should report within **7 days** and a supplementary **follow-up** report should be completed and submitted within **additional 8 days**.
 - **Pharmaceutical companies** should report within **15 days**
- Other serious ADRs
 - Pharmaceutical companies should report within **15 days**
- Non-serious ADRs
 - To report at anytime voluntarily

Filial Law of

Article 45, Pharmaceutical Affairs Act

- During drug safety monitoring periods (**5 years** for drugs and **3 years** for medical devices), pharmaceutical license-holders shall actively collect worldwide safety information and submit PSUR in announced format.
- Pharmaceutical license-holders shall submit follow-up reports of risk management plan within the appointed timeframe.

Guidance for Good Pharmacovigilance Practice

- Introduction
- Adverse Drug Reaction Reporting and Requirements
 - Spontaneous Reporting
 - Periodic Safety Update Reports
 - Expedited Reporting
- Risk Management
 - Health Authority
 - Healthcare Providers and Pharmacies
 - Pharmaceutical Companies
 - Risk Management Tools
- Training and Education
 - Health Authority
 - Healthcare Providers and Pharmacies
 - Pharmaceutical Companies
- Pharmacovigilance Inspection
 - Routine Inspection
 - Target Inspection
 - Inspection Report
 - Continuous Follow-ups

ADR data collection and management

Features of new ADR database

Utilization and analysis of reports

CURRENT STATUS OF TAIWAN ADR REPORTING SYSTEM

Drug Safety Reporting System in Taiwan

- Adverse Drug Reaction reporting system
- Food, Medicinal Product and Cosmetics Product Defect Reporting System
 - Drug defect and therapeutic in-equivalence
 - Medical device adverse reaction and product defect
 - Dietary supplement unexpected reaction
 - Cosmetics adverse reaction and product defect
- Patient Safety Reporting System
 - Medication errors

Taiwan National ADR Reporting System



全國藥物不良反應通報系統
National Reporting System of Adverse Drug Reactions in Taiwan



Definition of ADR

Based on evidence and possible causal relationship, a noxious and unintended response to a drug used at any doses.

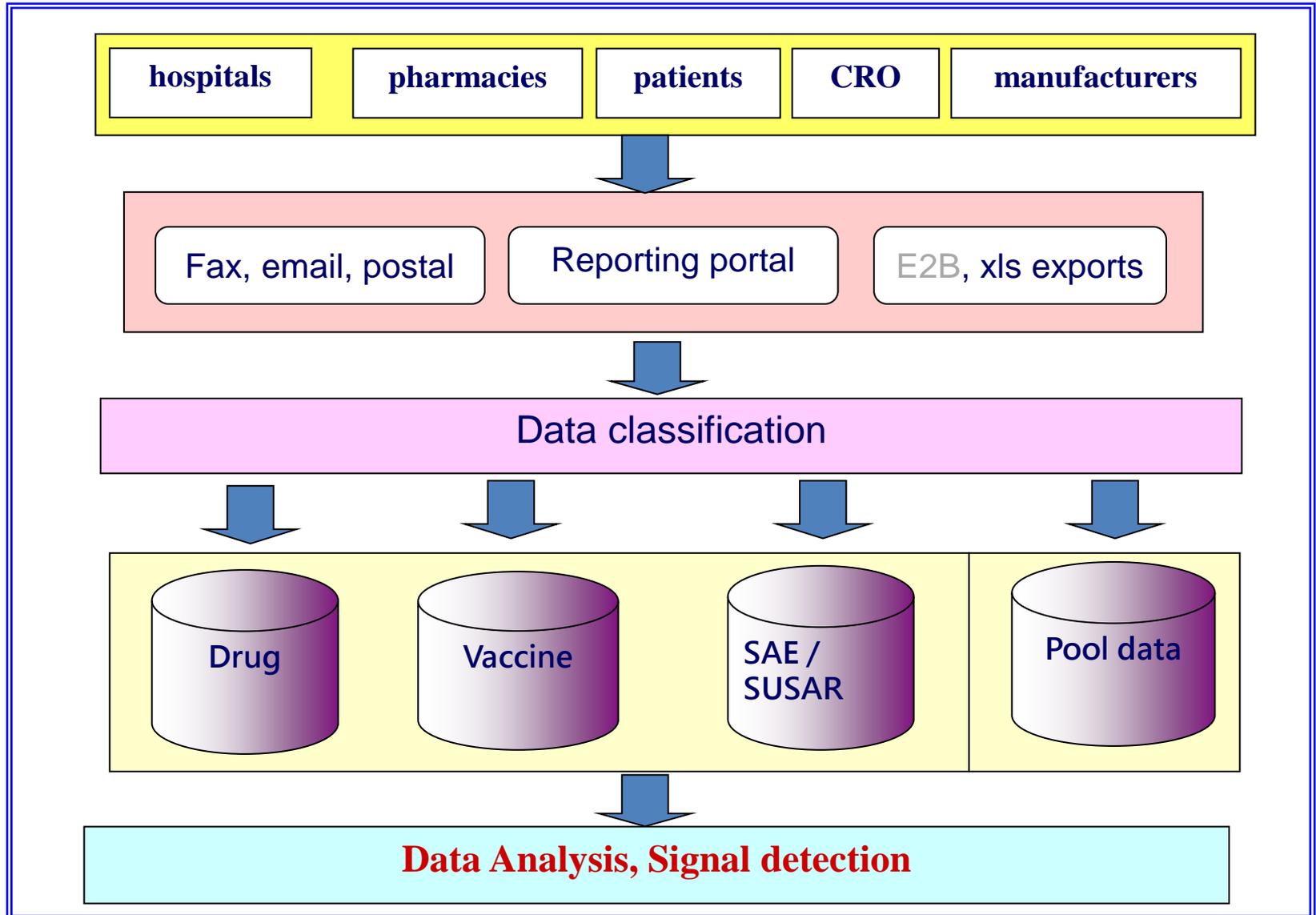
Taiwan ADR Reporting System

- First set up in July 1998
- Collects
 - Pre-marketing:
 - SAE: prior to July, 2010
 - SUSAR: from July, 2010
 - Post-marketing
 - Spontaneous ADR report: mainly from HCP and MAH
 - Literature, phase IV trial
- ◆ MedDRA terminology and ATC code adopted in 2006

Launched in April 2013

NEW ADR REPORTING SYSTEM IN TAIWAN

Structure of New ADR Reporting System



Features of New ADR Reporting System in Taiwan

- Facilitate electronic submission
- Computer-aid data collection & standardization
 - Logic checking throughout e-sub fill-out procedure
 - Duplicate check
 - Pre-defined library of domestic medical product license registry, company/hospital registry information, etc.
 - On-line case management for reporters

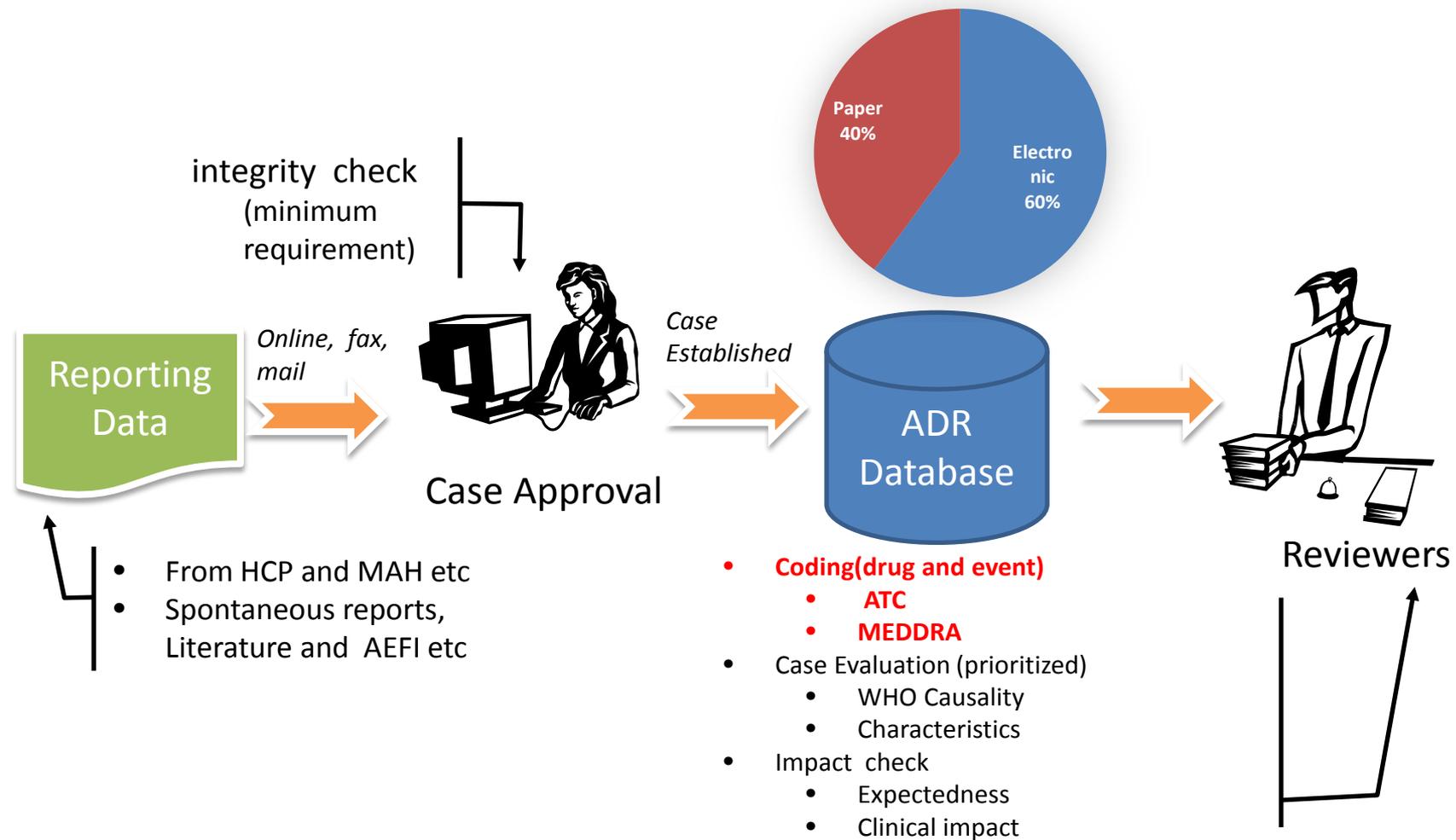
Features of New System

- Coding Dictionary
 - ATC, MedDRA
 - Auto coding
- Case life-cycle management
 - case process flow: Quality checking → Triage → Specialist reviewing
- Case communication/follow up information
- Compatible with ICH E2B(R2) standards
 - New data entry/storage will comply with E2B standard
 - Old data converted may only be partially compatible with E2B standard

Reporting form

<p>藥物不良反應通報表</p> <p>行政院衛生福利部</p> <p>電話: (02)2396-0100</p> <p>台北市100中正區金華路22號10樓</p> <p>網址: https://adr.fda.gov.tw</p> <p>電子郵件: adr@def.org.tw</p>	<p>1. 發生日期: 年 月 日</p> <p>2. 通報者獲知日期: 年 月 日</p> <p>3. 通報中心接獲通報日期: 年 月 日 (由通報中心填寫)</p> <p>4. 通報者 (reporter information):</p> <p>姓名: 服務機構:</p> <p>電話: 電子郵件信箱:</p> <p>地址:</p> <p>屬性: <input type="checkbox"/> 醫療人員 (醫師 <input type="checkbox"/> 醫師 <input type="checkbox"/> 藥師 <input type="checkbox"/> 護理人員 <input type="checkbox"/> 其他:)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 廠商 <input type="checkbox"/> 民眾</p>																
	<p>5. 原發藥物不良反應獲知來源:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 由醫療人員轉知 (醫師 <input type="checkbox"/> 醫師 <input type="checkbox"/> 藥師 <input type="checkbox"/> 護理人員 <input type="checkbox"/> 其他:)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 由衛生單位轉知 (醫療業 <input type="checkbox"/> 衛生局 (所) <input type="checkbox"/> 其他:)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 廠商</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 由民眾主動告知</p>																
<p>I. 病人基本資料 (patient information)</p>																	
<p>5. 識別代號: (原通報單位識別代號:)</p>	<p>6. 性別: <input type="checkbox"/> 男 <input type="checkbox"/> 女</p> <p>8. 體重: 公斤</p> <p>7. 出生日期: 年 月 日 或 年齡: 歲</p> <p>9. 身高: 公分</p>																
<p>II. 不良反應相關資料</p>																	
<p>10. 不良反應結果 (ADR outcome):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. 死亡, 日期: 年 月 日, 死亡原因:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. 危及生命</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. 造成永久性殘廢</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. 胎兒先天性畸形</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> E. 導致病人住院或延長病人住院時間</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> F. 其他嚴重不良反應 (具重要臨床意義之事件)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> G. 非嚴重不良事件 (非上述選項者)</p>	<p>12. 相關檢查及檢驗數據 (檢附日期): (例如: 藥品血中濃度, 肝腎功能指數...等)</p>																
<p>11. 通報事件之描述 (請依事件發生前後時間填寫, 應包括使用藥物治療之疾病症狀, 用藥後發生不良反應之時間及部位, 症狀, 嚴重程度及處理) (narratives):</p> <p>不良反應描述:</p> <p>不良反應描述:</p> <p>文獻來源 (若為文獻通報請時時填寫):</p>	<p>13. 其他相關資料 (例如: 診斷, 過敏, 懷孕, 戒菸, 嗜酒, 習慣, 其他疾病, 肝腎功能不全...等)</p>																
<p>III. 併用的醫療器材</p>																	
<p>14. 商品名:</p> <p>15. 許可證字號:</p> <p>16. 器材種類:</p>																	
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<p>19. 醫療器材操作者:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 醫療人員</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 病人或其家屬</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 其他</p>	<p>20. 使用日期: 年 月 日</p> <p>21. 停用日期: 年 月 日</p> <p>22. 使用原因:</p>																
<p>23. 是否可提供器材作評估:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 是 <input type="checkbox"/> 否 <input type="checkbox"/> 已於 年 月 日 退還給廠商</p>																	
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ADR Data Collection and Management



Report Integrity Check

Field item	Score Fair/poor	Score Good
Onset time	Green	Red
Suspect drug	Green	Red
Narratives (how ADR is occurred)	Green	Red
ADR Outcome	Green	Red
Drug dose, frequency	Green	Red
Duration of drug therapy	Green	Red
ADR term	Green	Red
Narratives (ADR intervencion and reactions after)	Green	Red
Age	Green	Red
Narratives (past history)	Light Blue	Red
sex	Light Blue	Red
Height /wieght	Light Blue	Red
Indication	Light Blue	Red
Patient ID code	Light Blue	Red
Concurrent drug info	Light Blue	Red

Note: Orange: mandatory field
 Poor report: any of the green missing
 Fair report: at least fulfill all green
 Good report: at least fulfill all red

Report Quality Scoring Parameters

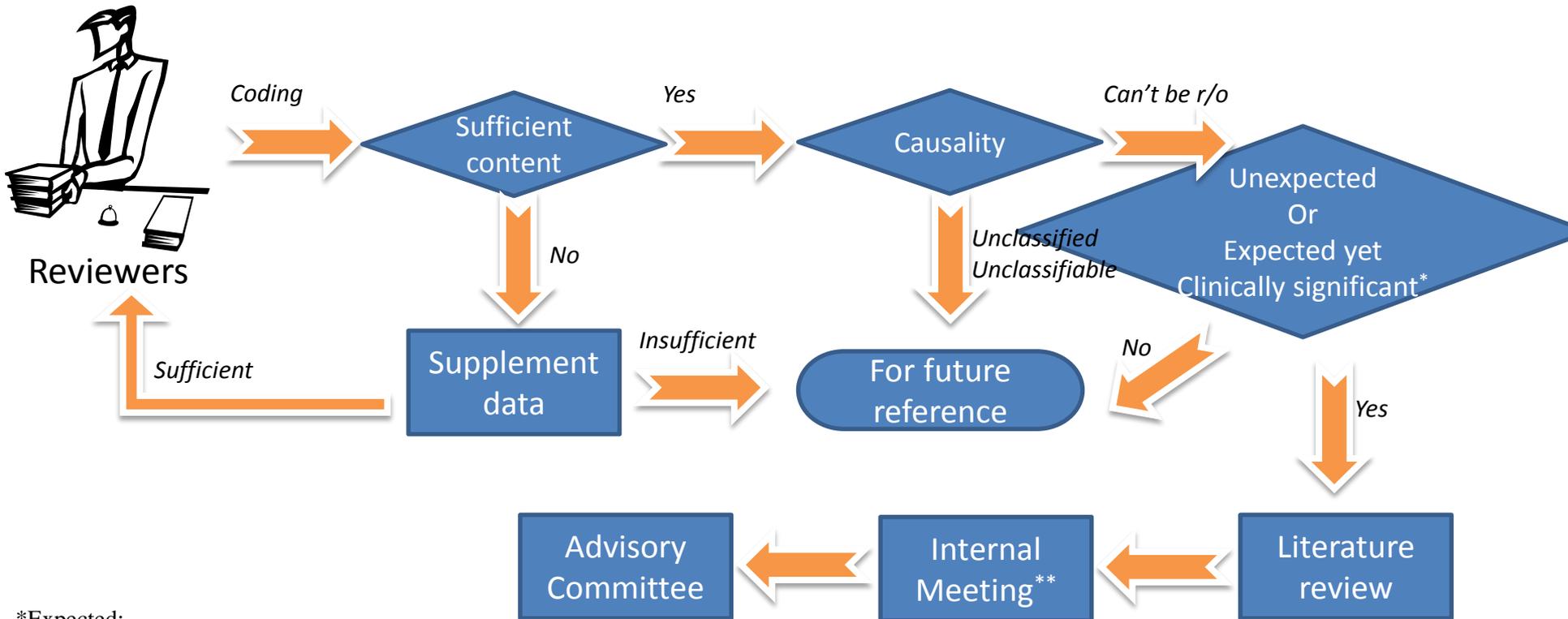
	Drug Event Combination	Score
Annual accumulation counts	1-5	15
	6-20	19
	21-25	13
	26-30	8
	31-35	5
	36-40	3
	>=41	1
Content quality		
	GOOD	1.5
	FAIR	0
	POOR	-1.5
Causality		
	Unlikely, possible, probable, certain	1.5
	Unclassified	-1.5
Seriousness		
	Serious case	1.5
	Non serious case	-1.5
Weight		
	DME & New Drugs	5
	DME or New Drugs	3
	Electronically submitted	3
	None of above	0

- DEC Annual accumulation
 - Local phenomenon
 - Hospital ADR surveillance mechanism is required for Hospital Accreditation → report huge amount of cases of specific DEC ONLY!!
 - Suppress over-reporting on certain DEC
- ◆ Extra weight:
 - ◆ DME
 - ◆ Drugs under surveillance
 - ◆ others

Utilization of Reports

- Drug Re-evaluation Mechanism
 - ✓ Drug Alerts with new safety concerns
 - ✓ ADR death reports
 - ✓ High frequency (pattern changes) of ADR reporting
 - ✓ High alert drugs in the Drug Injury Relief application
 - ✓ Drugs pass surveillance period
- Drug Safety Newsletter
 - Published quarterly
- Signal Detection

Death Case Evaluation Process



- *Expected:
1. Documented on CCIS or package insert
 2. Well-known ADR by HCP
 3. Pharmacologically explainable
 4. Complication from ADR
- Clinical meaningful:
- Signals identified should be communicated with HCP.

Drug Safety Newsletter

- Published quarterly
- Electronic downloading available
- A circulation of 3,000 copies
- Subscriber
 - Medical Professionals
 - MAH
- Contents
 - articles on drug safety news
 - reviews of ADRs
 - analysis of cases applied for Drug Injury Relief
 - news of activities and others



Signal generation

Signal refinement and evaluation

Risk management and communication

FROM ADR REPORTING TO SIGNAL MANAGEMENT

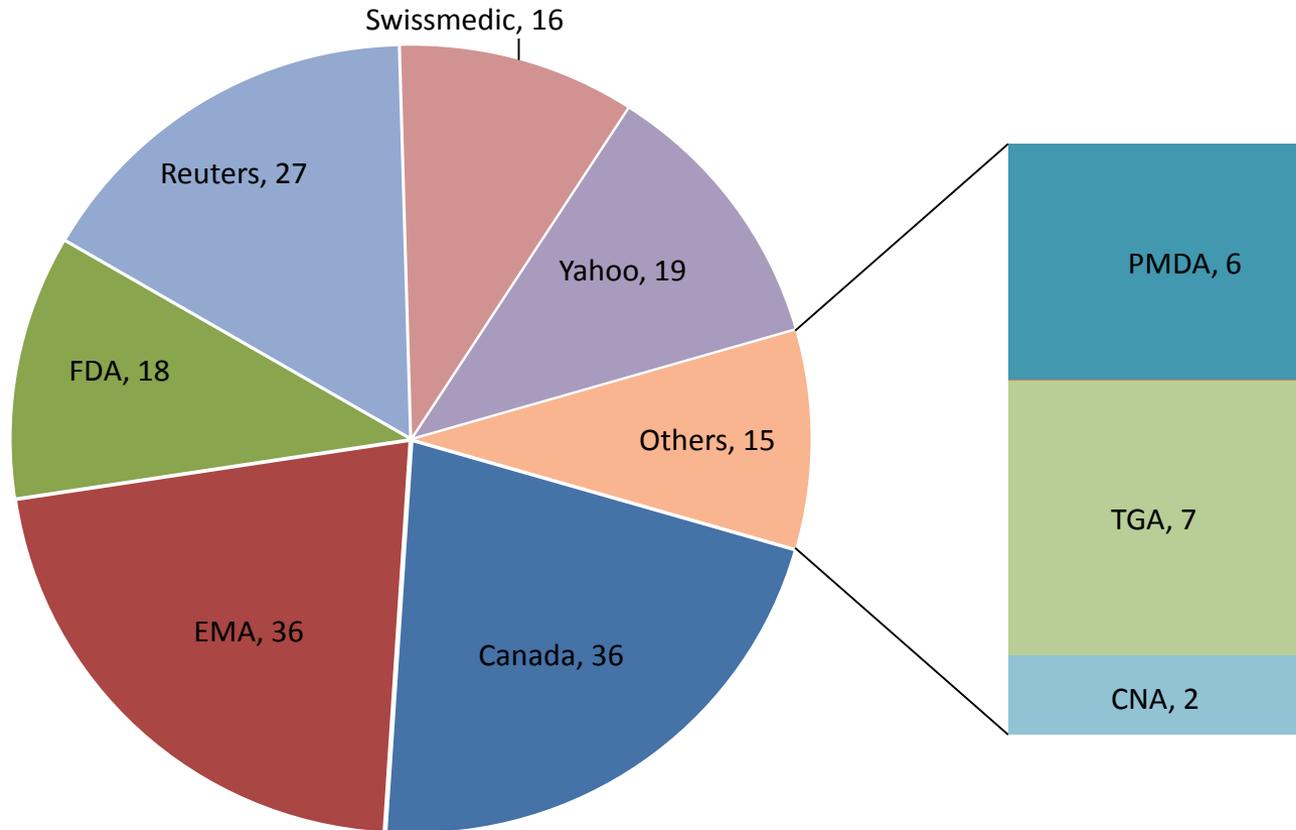
Comprehensive monitoring

SIGNAL GENERATION

Comprehensive Monitoring

- ADR reporting system
- Safety news monitoring
- High Alerts
 - Safety concerns of NEW drugs
 - Drug Relief applications

Drug Safety Alert Monitoring



**Year
2014**

- Total of 167 safety news
- 23 news were released through “Risk Communication Letter”
- 5 drugs(classes) were followed by re-evaluation process
(b-agonists, nicardipine, domperidone, RAS, OC)

Review Team Communication

ADR Team



1. Daily drug safety news summary
2. Join NDA filing and review meeting

CDE Team



- Join pre-conference meeting
- Review drug-relief material(summary of medical records)



1. Proactively forward NDA application with safety issues
2. Response to safety information if the drug is under review

- Proactively forward drug relief case series with concern.



Relief Team

Timely assessment

SIGNAL REFINEMENT AND EVALUATION

Timely Assessment

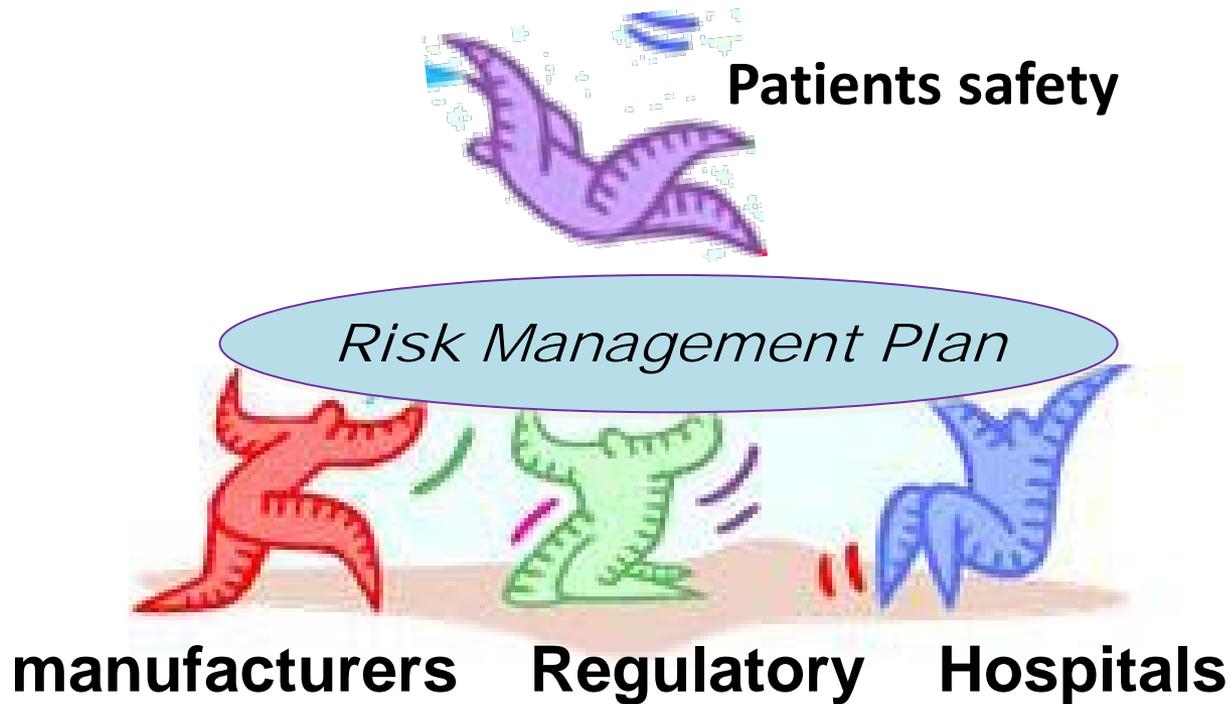
- Signal prioritization
 - Intensity of signals
 - Known knowledge
 - Possibility to study in NHIDB
 - Degree of impact
 - Others
- Signal refinement
 - Case series review
 - Literature review
 - Drug utilization review
- Signal evaluation
 - Pharmacoepidemiology studies
 - Risk/benefit evaluation

Strategy for minimizing risks

Methods for cooperation

RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Ensure that the benefits outweigh the risks



Risk Management Plan Format and Contents

藥品風險管理計畫(格式及內容說明)

藥品基本資料
(中英文藥名)
(劑型)
(劑量)
(廠商名)

壹、計畫目的(可有多個)

貳、方法(視需要而定,單複選均可)

一、病患用藥說明書(Medication Guide)

1. 採用理由:說明為何選此方法,可以降低哪種風險。
2. 執行面:具體描述如何讓病患取得病患用藥說明書(例如:廠商隨藥品配送、或提供電子檔供下載)、何處交付及何人發送此病患用藥說明書、是否附回條供收受者簽收....等)。
3. 說明書內容:應用文件請檢附所擬之病患用藥說明書。

二、醫療人員通知(Communication Plan)

1. 採用理由:說明為何選此方法,可以降低哪種風險。
2. 執行面:具體描述如何執行(例如:郵寄通知那些醫療相關人員、或擬於專業期刊登載/透過那些學會舉辦講座宣導等等、領證多久內執行....等)。
3. 通知內容:應用文件請檢附所擬寄送或刊載之文件內容。

三、特殊風險預防措施(Element to Assure Safety Use)

特殊風險預防措施實施面詳述:例如有致畸胎性時,使用藥品之女性病患需每個月進行驗孕,確定驗孕結果為陰性後,醫師方可開立處方,藥師必需於看到符合規定期限內的陰性驗孕報告方可給藥等。

四、其他:視個案需求請自行增列。

參、藥品風險管理計畫追綜報告

一、實施方法說明:說明如何評估藥品風險管理計畫的效果(由何人執行、指標為何、如何比較等等)

二、檢送時間:原則上為滿二年及滿五年時,可依個案情形調整並提出說明。

肆、應用文件(Supporting Documents)

請將前述病患說明書等內容編號檢附。

Risk communication letter

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

Drug trade name and permit license number

Indications

News origin

News content

Information for risk communication

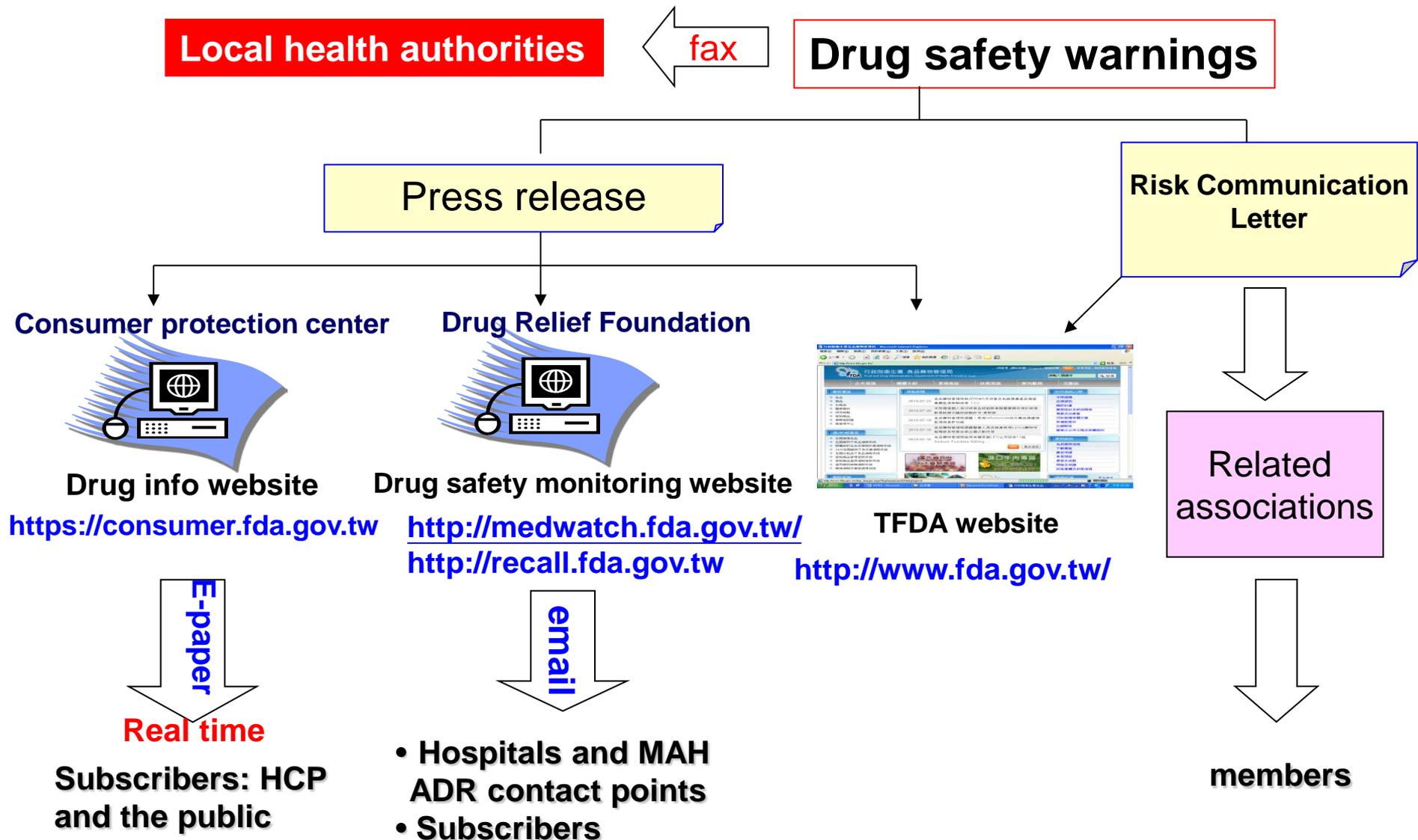
communication parties

藥品安全資訊風險溝通表

日期：990727

藥品成分	leflunomide
藥品名稱 及許可證字號	本署核准製劑許可證其區係，詳如後附。
適應症	治療成人類風濕性關節炎，並可能減輕類風濕性關節炎對關節所造成之結構性損害(亦屬於 DWARD DISEASE MODIFYING ANTIRHEUMATIC DRUG)。治療具活動性的成人乾癆性關節炎。
訊息緣由	2010年7月13日美國FDA宣布有關含 leflunomide 藥品之安全資訊，說明含 leflunomide 藥品可能會增加肝損傷之風險。
藥品安全有關資訊 分析及描述	美國FDA依據 leflunomide 藥品自2002年8月至2009年5月之不良反應通報資料，其中有49件造成嚴重肝損傷之通報案例。因此，美國FDA要求含該成分藥品仿單，應以加框警語 (Boxed Warning)，說明含該成分藥品不應使用於患有肝臟疾患或肝臟時天異常之病患，亦不可與其他可能造成肝臟損傷之藥品併用。此外，病患於服用含該成分藥品期間亦應定期監控肝臟時天值。
本局風險溝通說明	<p>☑ 醫藥人員：</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 醫師處方含該成分藥品前，應謹慎評估病患肝臟功能，不可使用於肝功能不全之病患。 2. 該藥品不可與其他具有肝毒性之藥物併用時，可能增加肝臟損傷之風險。 3. 病患開始使用該成分藥品治療前及用藥後，必須依仿單指示，定期檢測肝臟時天 ALT 值，前 6 個月每隔 2 週檢測一次，之後則每隔 8 週檢測一次。 <p>☑ 病患：</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 若有肝損傷之徵兆，如食慾不振、嘔吐、黃疸、褐色尿尿，應立即告知處方醫師。 2. 病患服用該成分藥品若有任何疑問或不適，應儘快洽詢開立處方醫師，不可任意停藥。 <p>☑ 醫藥人員或病患懷疑因為使用 (服用) 藥品導致不良反應發生時，請立即通報給衛生署所建置之全國藥物不良反應通報中心，藥物不良反應通報專線 02-2396-0100，網址：http://adr.dch.gov.tw。</p>
風險溝通對象	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 醫師 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 藥師 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 護士 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 一般民眾 <input type="checkbox"/> 其他

Official real-time drug safety information sharing networks

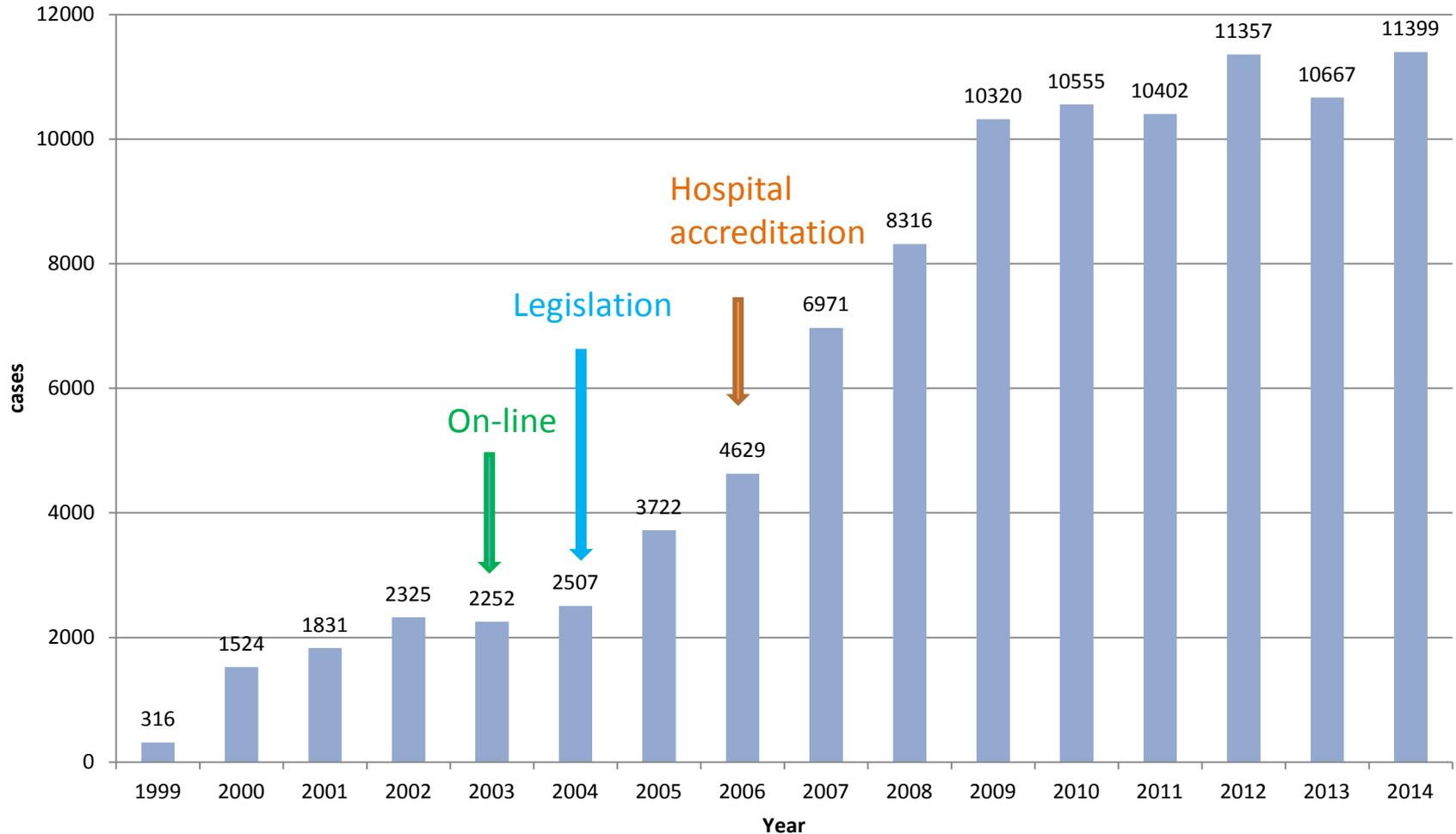


Statistics of reports

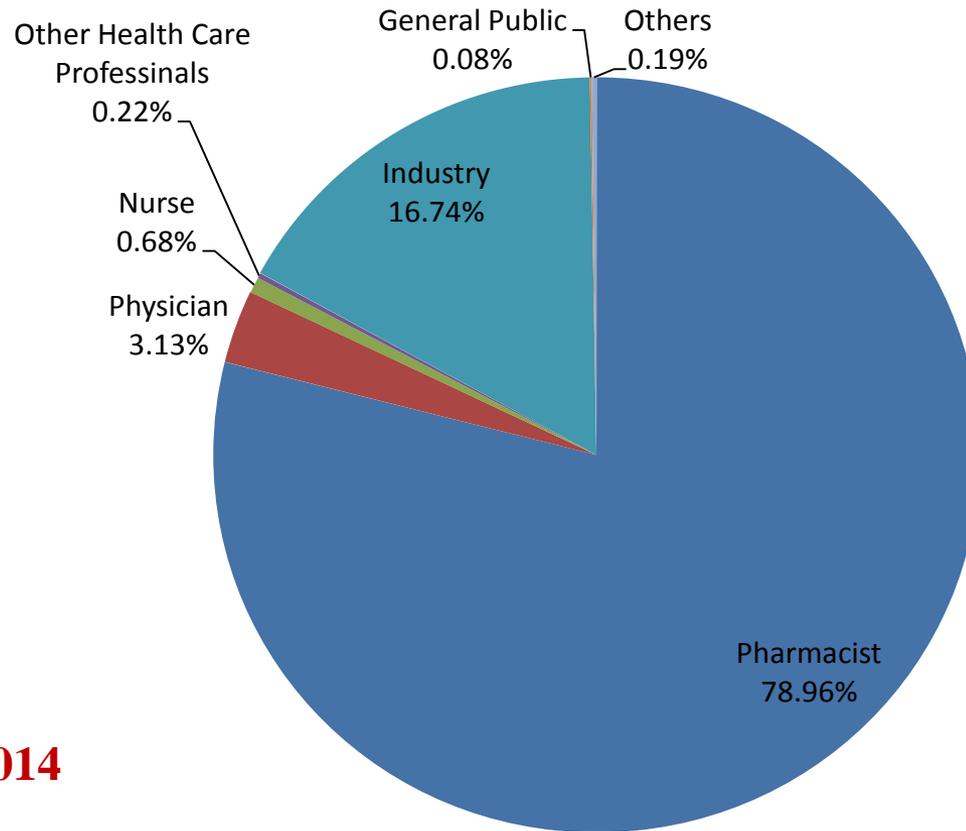
Examples of signal management

OUR ACHIEVEMENT

Annual ADR Reports in TW



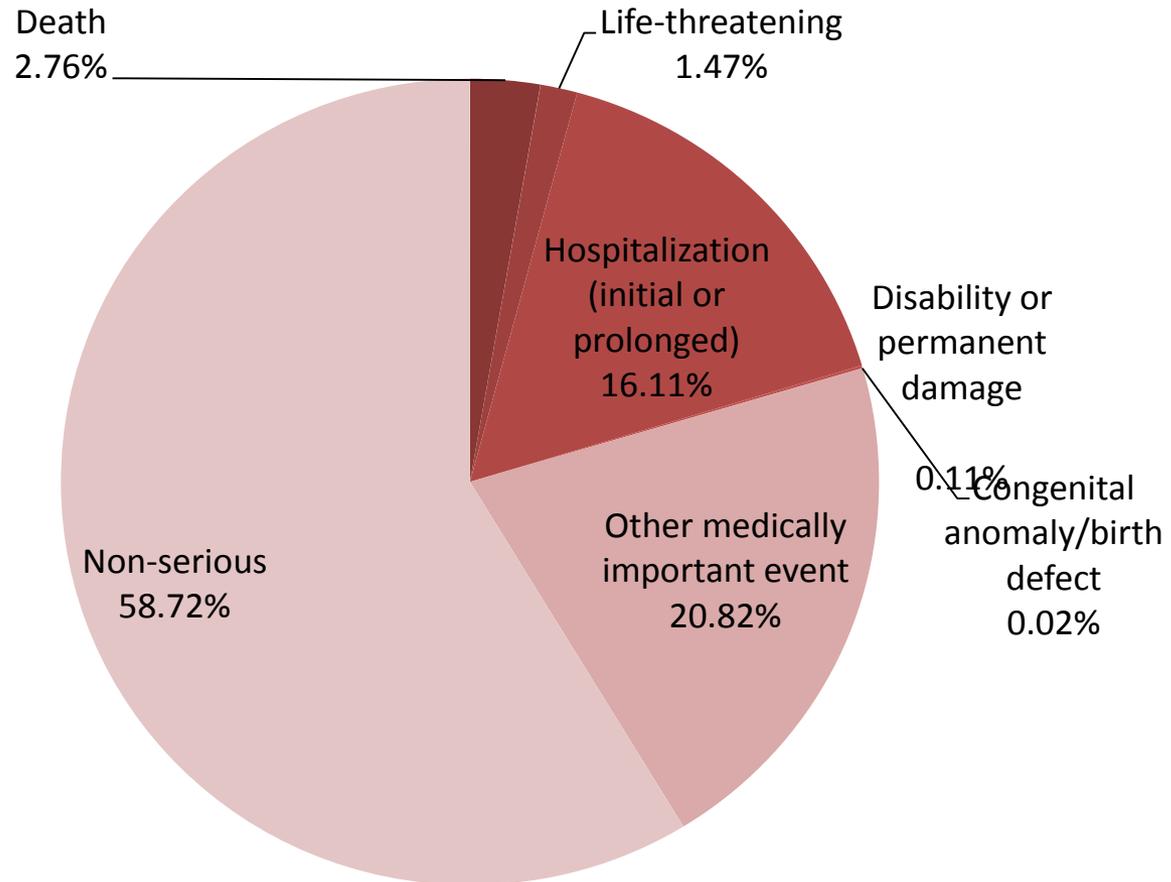
ADR Reporting Source



Taiwan 2014

Characteristic of Reports-Seriousness

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ATC Classification of Suspected Drugs

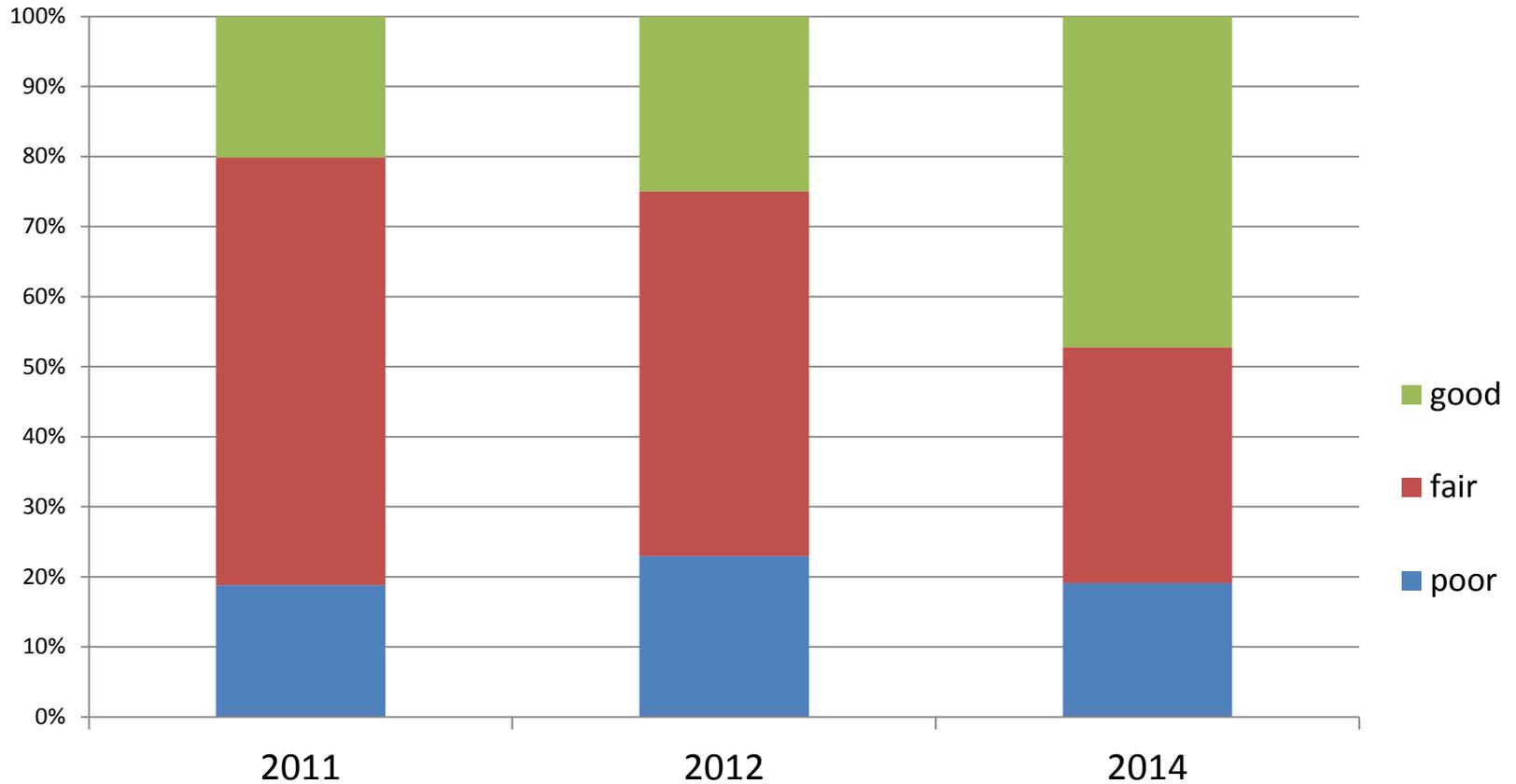
ATC Classification	No. of suspected drugs	%
Alimentary tract and metabolism	1139	5.84%
Antiinfectives for systemic use	3929	20.13%
Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents	4641	23.78%
Antiparasitic products, insecticides and repellents	66	0.34%
Blood and blood forming organs	854	4.38%
Cardiovascular system	1421	7.28%
Dermatologicals	88	0.45%
Genito urinary system and sex hormones	342	1.75%
Musculo-skeletal system	2266	11.61%
Nervous system	2662	13.64%
Respiratory system	458	2.35%
Sensory organs	174	0.89%
Systemic hormonal preparations, excl. Sex hormones and insulins	375	1.92%
Various	1104	5.66%
Total	19519	100.00%

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System Organ Class of Reported ADR

System Organ Class (SOC)	No. of reported reactions	%	
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	5341	29.8	
Gastrointestinal disorders	1886	10.5	
Nervous system disorders	1782	9.9	
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	1383	7.7	
General disorders and administration site conditions	1249	7.0	
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	819	4.6	
Investigations	743	4.1	
Eye disorders	682	3.8	
Infections and infestations	585	3.3	
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	520	2.9	
Cardiac disorders	423	2.4	
Hepatobiliary disorders	391	2.2	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	383	2.1	
Psychiatric disorders	320	1.8	
Immune system disorders	317	1.8	Year 2014
Vascular disorders	312	1.7	
Renal and urinary disorders	240	1.3	
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	218	1.2	
Others	343	1.9	
Total	17937	100.0	

Report Content Quality Analysis



Poor data: data is insufficient to perform the basic evaluation of the case

Fair data: data is sufficient to perform the basic evaluation of the case

Good data: data contains detailed information to perform more advanced evaluation



Future Perspectives

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Goal

- To protect and enhance the public health through systematic PV system
- Turn ADR reporting to be a Routine Clinical Practice
- Continue ADR reporting quality promotion
- Carry out Good Pharmacovigilance Practice Inspection
- Establish Signal Management Standard Operating Procedure
- Strengthen feedback mechanism



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