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Useful Sites

Committee on Safety of Medicines

<http://www.mca.gov.uk/aboutagency/regframework/csm/csmhomemain.htm>

This UK site provides information about the CSM's advice to the UK licensing authority, to ensure that medicines meet the standards of quality, efficacy and safety 'the public and health professions would expect'

US Food and Drug Administration

The 'Medwatch' site provides safety information on drugs and other medicinal products regulated by the FDA.

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/index.htm>

Since 1992, the FDA has monitored medication error reports from the United States Pharmacopoeia and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP).

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/MedErrors/default.htm>

Journals and Recent Journal Articles

The US Institute of Medicine (IOM) report on patient safety (February 2004) discusses the lessons that can be learnt from 'near misses'. The citation is Aspden P, Corrigan JM, Wolcott J, Erickson SM, eds. Committee on Data Standards for Patient Safety, Institute of Medicine. Patient Safety: Achieving a New Standard for Care. Washington: National Academic Press. 2004. A copy of the executive summary is available at http://books.nap.edu/execsumm_pdf/10863.pdf

Conferences

2nd Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care
9-11 August 2004 National Convention Centre Canberra.

Have you seen anything about medication safety that you'd like to share with others?

Simply e-mail safermeds-tag@lists.health.nsw.gov.au to send you message to all members of our Safer Medicines Network. We'd love to hear from you.