



## Pharmacovigilance and Appropriate Drug Use

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Pharmacovigilance is a key public health process which helps in monitoring the safety of medicines and reducing the risks related to drug use in the post-marketing phase. It works through the detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects, or of any medicine-related problems in general.

Nevertheless, the safety of a medicine is related not only to its pharmacological properties, but also to the product's quality and to how it is used in clinical practice. Appropriate drug use helps to avoid medication errors and increase drug safety. Regulatory agencies can use several tools to control and manage each step of the process (from prescription to drug utilization) in order to guarantee the appropriateness of medicine use.

The aim of this Special Issue is to provide an updated panorama of pharmacovigilance issues which resulted (or may result in the future) in regulatory actions and which can be prevented by changing and controlling the prescribing behaviour.

- pharmacovigilance
- safety
- adverse drug reactions
- risk
- regulatory action
- appropriateness





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