

Pediatric pharmacovigilance in Brazil-South America

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Pediatric pharmacovigilance (PPV) is a neglected aspect around the world, specifically in emerging countries. In Brazil, it was created a system for PPV called - "Hospital Sentinela" (Sentinel Hospital) in 2002 to capture pro-actively general ADR in the country and more recently in 2009 the "NOTIVISA - today VIGIPOS" a web base system to collect AE and technical complains after product commercialization. Neither of those systems has dedicated procedures for PPV. Also health professionals were not usually trained on PPV in the Latin America. We strongly encourage the establishment of pediatric drug safety networks worldwide and trainings (within healthcare institutions as well as regional, national and international networks) to better use the scarce resources and the adoption of more proactive drug safety evaluation initiatives to solve drug safety problems for children in a timely manner. As an example we would like to present the initiatives from a non-profit pediatric hospital (Hospital Sabara) in Sao Paulo/Brazil and its results in PPV and how it could be a model for others hospitals in Latin America.

Biography

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