



ADR

Tip of the Month

Drug allergies

All medications have the potential to cause side effects, but only about 5% to 10% of adverse reactions to drugs are allergic.

A number of factors influence the risk of adverse reactions to medications, including:

- Body size
- Genetics
- Body chemistry
- Presence of an underlying disease

Having an allergy to one medication also predisposes an individual to having an allergy to another unrelated medication. Contrary to popular belief, a family history of a reaction to a specific medication does not increase the risk of reacting to the same medication.

Please report all suspected ADRs.