



ROLE OF PHARMACOVIGILANCE IN HERBAL MEDICINES REGULATION

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays, in developing countries, people are dependent on plants as a major source of medicines, so several issues have led to a greater awareness of the need to monitor the safety of herbal medicines and understanding of their possible harms. Other pharmacovigilance relevant issues are acute and chronic poisoning, medication adverse effect with other drugs, contraindication, drug related toxicity, misuse and abuse of medicine. The effect of medicines before and after launched in market need to be monitored.

Pharmacovigilance involves monitoring and assessed the quality of drugs, detection and preventing of any adverse effects of drugs. WHO at international level has published guideline on pharmacovigilance of herbal medicines that include how to approach towards above mentioned challenges? This article highlight the important programmes carried by WHO, role played by pharmaceutical industries, health care professionals.

This article discussed effectiveness and risk assessments of therapies. The important role of health care provider, pharmaceutical manufacturer, and programmes carried by WHO. Finally the conclusion describes the major provocation and attainment for the pharmacovigilance programme related to herbal medicines.

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