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This document aims to provide practical guidelines on how to set up national systems for consumers to report adverse reactions to medicines. Throughout this document, the phrase "consumer reporting" is used to refer to reporting of adverse drug reactions (ADRs) by the general public.

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