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All the concerned states/UTs Health Authorities are hereby informed that, the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), under the aegis of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India is running a nation-wide Pharmacovigilance Programme i.e. Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI) since April 2011 with the vision of improving patient safety and welfare of Indian population by monitoring drug safety and thereby reducing the risk associated with use of medicines.

To reinforce the PvPI, an "Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) reporting culture" should be promoted with the contribution from all the Healthcare Professionals including nurses. At present, nursing professionals are not fully aware of their active role in ADR reporting. A different action has to be proposed to integrate ADR reporting into nursing practice. In this regard, sensitization of nursing professionals on pharmacovigilance and ADR reporting is crucial as they have good knowledge of health criteria, symptoms, drugs and ADRs & also they are in close contact with the patients for a longer duration than the physicians and therefore can act as a backbone for the pharmacovigilance programme.

You all are, therefore, requested to sensitize the nursing professionals of your respective states/UTs & facilitate their active participation in the PvPI.

In this regard all the concerned states/UTs Health Authorities and the concerned officers are requested to approach the nearby ADR Monitoring Centres (AMCs) functioning under PvPI for any technical support or for obtaining Pharmacovigilance related information. The complete list of AMCs is attached as annexure.

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All concerned (as per list attached).