

What is changing?

On February 14th, 2014, BC PSLs will offer several enhancements to the way safety events involving **medications, IV fluids, biological products** (such as vaccines) or **contrast media** are reported in the system. This bulletin describes the most significant changes for **PSLS Reporters and Handlers**.

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Patient Safety Event Report Form - Medication or Other Substance

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What do I need to know?

The **Medication or Other Substance** Specialty Form will allow the use of both **generic and brand names** for drugs and drug products. A modified version of Health Canada's Drug Product Database (DPD) means an updated, expanded list of drugs and drug products to choose from. Updates have also been made to options for **Form, Route, Problem and Stage**. If more than one drug is involved in a single event, comprehensive information about each drug can be entered by using the **"Add Another" button**.

Handlers will see additional information about the medication in **'Read-only' format** if the brand name was entered. Generic name, Drug Identification Number (DIN) will be shown, along with options for drug category and a field to flag high-alert medications. Handlers will be able to search for records using any of these fields. Data entered prior to the changes will be reconciled over the coming months to ensure the best possible data quality.

Why is this change happening?

These changes are being made to promote better data quality, to make it easier for Reporters to accurately identify drugs involved in safety events, and to improve usability of the forms. We are also aligning BC PSLs with the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) National System for Incident Reporting (NSIR) standards. We hope these changes will make it easier to learn from medication-related safety events.

Where can I find more information?

Visit our website www.bcpsls.ca or contact the BC PSLs Coordinator at your Health Authority.