



# PVClinical

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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# Project Identity (1/2)

- Project Title: **PV Clinical – Ενεργή Φαρμακοεπαγρύπνηση σε Κλινικά Περιβάλλοντα**
- Funding Body: **ΕΡΑΝΕΚ 2014-2020 Operational Programme co-financed by Greece and the European Union**
- Reference Code: **T1EDK-0789**
- **Consortium:**
  - Project & Scientific Coordinator:* Institute of Applied Biosciences ([INEB](#)), Centre for Research and Technology Hellas ([CERTH](#))
  - Partners:* [PHARMASSIST Ltd](#), [Papageorgiou General Hospital](#), [European Interbalkan Medical Center](#)



# Project Identity (2/2)

- Call: **II. Synergies between Companies and Research Centers**
- Axis: **Health and Medicines**
- Topic: **5.5 Electronic Health: Services and Systems for Patients/Citizens and Healthcare Professionals**
- Priority: **5.5.4 Decision Support Systems for Detection, Prevention and/or Surveillance of Adverse Drug Events in the Clinical Environment**
- Duration: **36 months**
- Total funding: **917.200,00€**



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# Pharmacovigilance

- “... the science and activities relating to the *detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects* or any other possible drug-related problems” <sup>[1]</sup>
- *It is being carried out by:*
  - Regulatory authorities (e.g. EOF in Greece, FDA in the US, EMA in Europe)
  - Drug Monitoring Organizations (e.g. Uppsala Monitoring Centre – WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Monitoring / WHO-UMC)
  - Pharmaceutical companies
  - Contract Research Organizations (CROs)

<sup>[1]</sup> World Health Organization, W. C. C. for I. D. M. (2002). *The importance of pharmacovigilance*. World Health Organization Available at: <http://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/en/d/Js4893e/>

# Adverse Drug Effects: *Problem Dimensions*

Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](#)

Review Article



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Adverse  
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René A. Janet Sullivan  
Journal of Pharmacy and Therapeutics

## Clinical The Costs of Adverse Drug Events in Hospitalized Patients

### Adverse Drug Events in Hospitalized Patients: Excess Length of Stay, Extra Costs, and Attributable Mortality

David W. Bates

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JAMA. 1997

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Expert Opinion on Drug Safety



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The economic burden of preventable adverse drug reactions: a systematic review of observational studies

D Formica, J Sultana, PM Cutroneo, S Lucchesi, R Angelica, S Crisafulli, Y Ingrasciotta, F Salvo, E Spina & G Trifirò

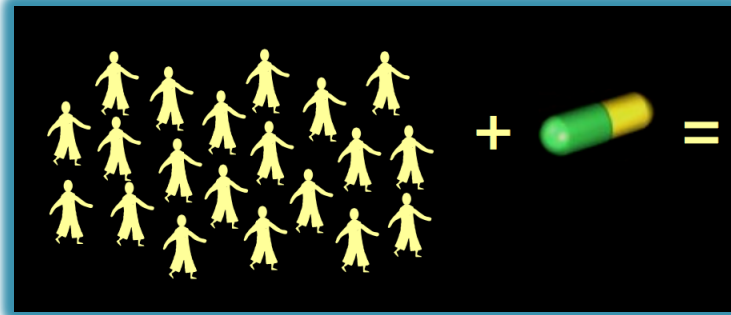
# The Estimated “Impact” of Adverse Drug Effects

- In the US:
  - 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> most frequent cause of deaths, with more 100,000 deaths annually in hospitals
  - Cause for 7% hospital admissions
  - Financial burden of 137-177 billion\$ annually
- In Europe:
  - Cost of preventable adverse drug effects account between 2,851-9,015 € in hospitalized patients
  - Prolonged hospital stay of  $6,1 \pm 2.3$  days

→ **A serious Public Health problem!**

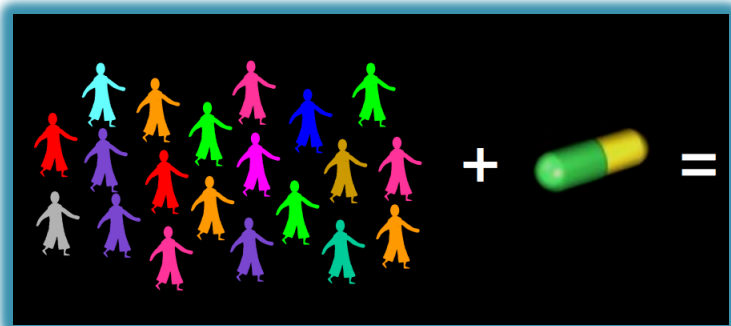
# Prevention of Adverse Drugs Reactions: *Do we Have the Required Knowledge?*

## CLINICAL STUDIES FOR DRUG DEVELOPMENT



Drug tested in a specific population  
in normal dosages

## POST-MARKETING DRUG EXPOSURE



Exposure to the drug by an extremely  
larger and heterogenous population  
under different conditions

# Prevention of Adverse Drugs Reactions: *Do we Have the Required Knowledge?*

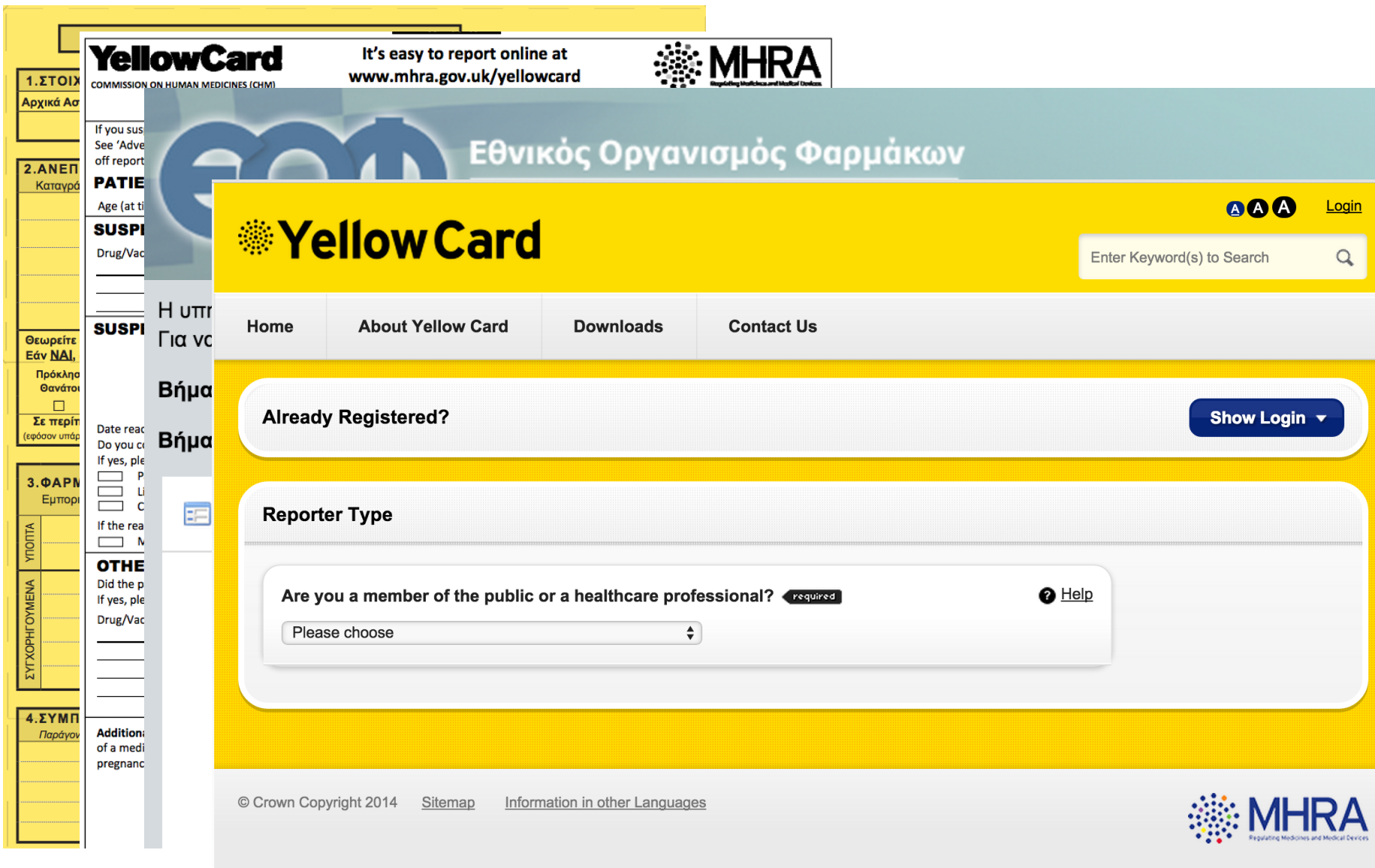
**Need for: Real-World Evidence!!!**

## Spontaneous Reporting Systems: The Main Data Source for Adverse Drug Reactions

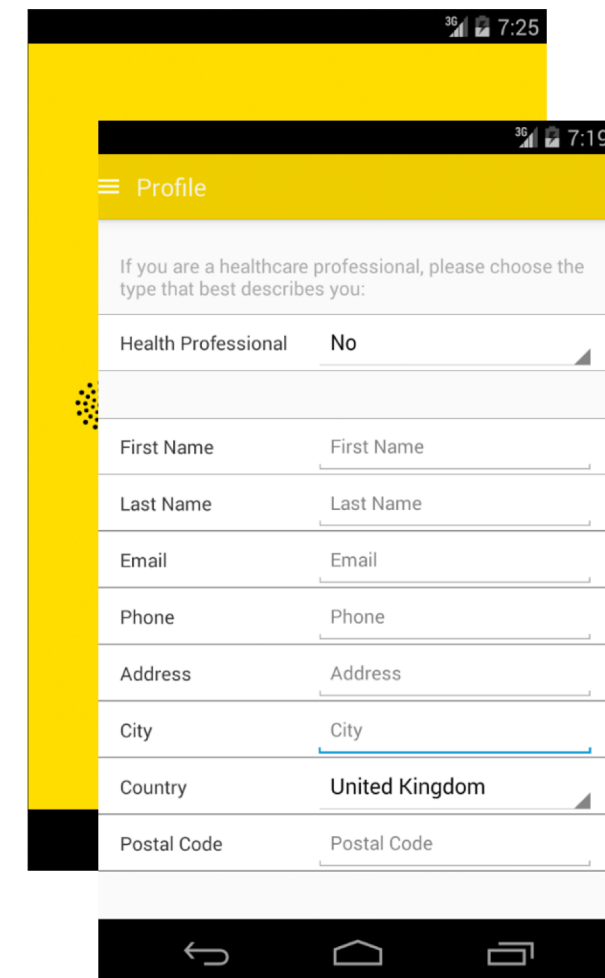
Reports of potential Adverse Drug Reactions from healthcare professionals/citizens sent to:

- National authorities (e.g. E.O.F. in Greece, Food and Drug Administration in the US)
- International drug monitoring organizations (e.g. European Medicines Agency, Uppsala Monitoring Centre – WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Monitoring)
- Pharma companies / Contract Research Organizations

# Spontaneous Reporting Systems: *The Main Data Source for Adverse Drug Reactions*



The screenshot shows the YellowCard website interface. At the top, it features the YellowCard logo and the text "It's easy to report online at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard" alongside the MHRA logo. Below this is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Yellow Card, Downloads, and Contact Us. The main content area is a yellow box with a search bar and a "Show Login" button. Below the search bar is a "Reporter Type" section with a dropdown menu for "Are you a member of the public or a healthcare professional?" and a "Help" link. The footer contains copyright information and links to the Sitemap and other languages.



The screenshot shows the YellowCard mobile app profile page. The page is titled "Profile" and contains a form for user registration. The form includes fields for First Name, Last Name, Email, Phone, Address, City, Country (set to United Kingdom), and Postal Code. A "Health Professional" field is set to "No". The page also features a "Profile" header and a "Show Login" button. The bottom of the screen shows the mobile app's navigation bar with back, home, and search icons.

# Limitations of Spontaneous Reporting Systems

- They gather a very low number of reports, given the magnitude of the problem (many studies account this below 5%)
- Missing data
- Allegations of biased reports
- ...

→ Spontaneous Reporting Systems are not enough  
for effective Pharmacovigilance!

# The Need for a Paradigm Shift: *From Passive to Active Pharmacovigilance*

## PHARMACOVIGILANCE



### Passive

*No other measures are taken to search for potential Adverse Drug Reactions besides encouraging reporting*

### Active

search other electronic databases for any information that can be useful

Continuous Learning Health System

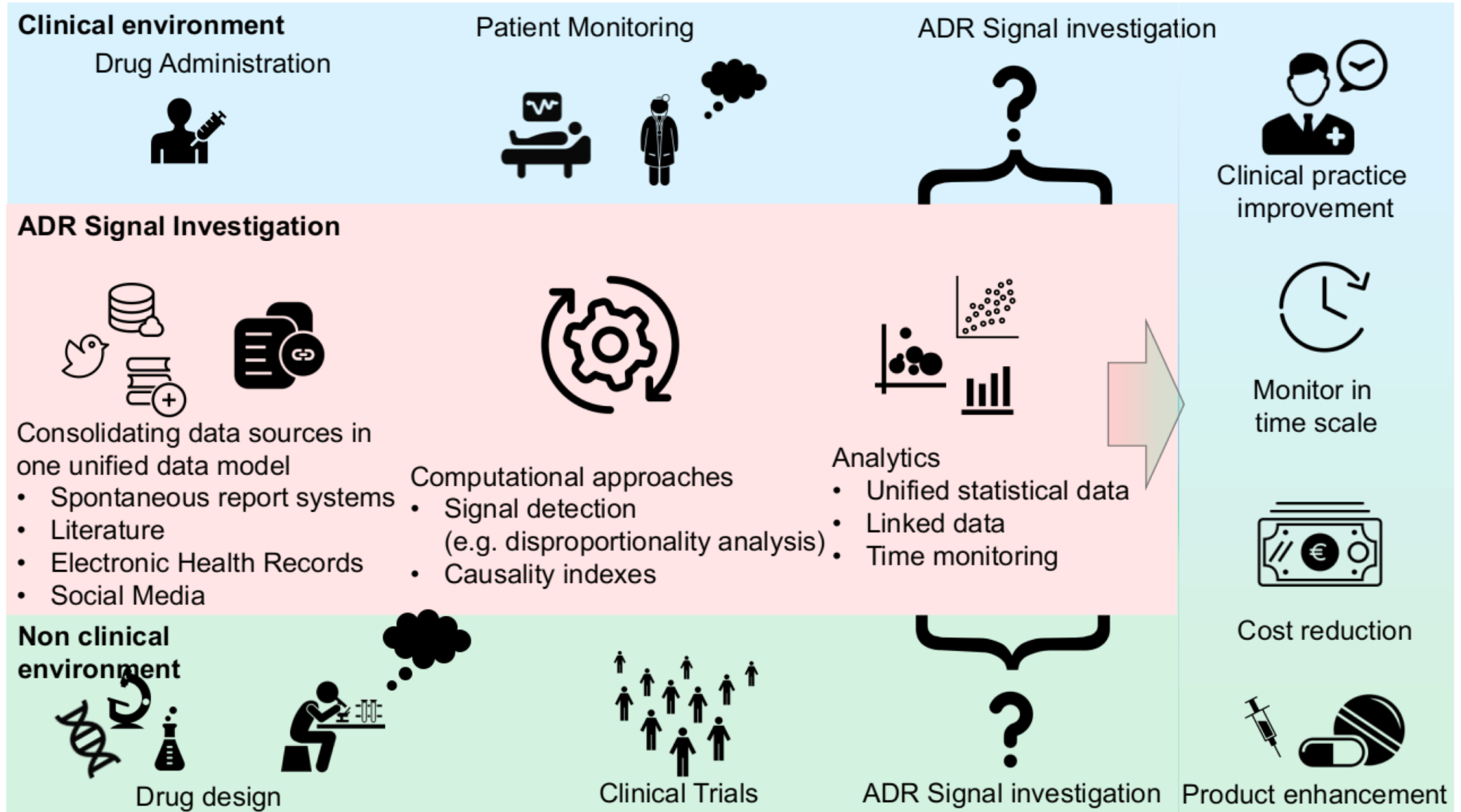


# The PVClinical Scope

- **Active pharmacovigilance** in the clinical environment via appropriate support IT tools for:
  - **Concurrent exploitation of multiple data sources**, i.e. Spontaneous Reporting Systems, Bibliography, Social Media, Electronic Medical Records
  - Emphasis on the **investigation of new, potential Adverse Drug Reactions**
- **Enabling Technologies:**
  - **Knowledge Engineering**
  - **Linked Data**
  - **Standard terminologies/thesauri**
  - **Big data management and analytics**
- **Extensions:**
  - **Beyond clinical environments** (e.g. Drug Monitoring Organizations, Pharmaceutical Companies, Contract Research Organizations, ...)



# The PV Clinical Approach (2/2)



# Project Structure: Work Packages

Work Package (WP)	Leader	Duration
WP1: User Requirements Analysis, Specifications and System Architecture	PHARMA	M1-M12
WP2: Design and Development of Data Collection Infrastructure	CERTH	M2-M24
WP3: Design and Development of Data Analysis Methods	CERTH	M3-M18
WP4: Implementation of the Web Platform	CERTH	M11-M30
WP5: Evaluation and Pilot Applications	PHARMA	M13-M36
WP6: Feasibility Study on Commercial Applicability	CERTH	M15-M33
WP7: SME Participation in Exhibitions	PHARMA	M15-M36

## Expected PV Clinical Contribution to Clinical Environments

The primary aim is the introduction of the proposed platform in the clinical environment, offering the potential to **systematize and automate/guide the investigation of potential Adverse Drug Reaction signals.**

This will enable hospitals to implement active pharmacovigilance with **major benefits for public health** (patient safety, quality of care) and a **cost reduction** as regards the **management of Adverse Drug Reactions.**

Primary users of the PV Clinical platform are **clinicians** (*pharmacists, clinical pharmacologists and pharmacovigilance experts*)

## Extending the PV Clinical Scope Beyond Clinical Environments

**Monitoring Organizations / Drug Regulatory Authorities:** May use the PV Clinical platform to detect and assess **potential Adverse Drug Reaction signals**, saving cost and time for the entailed analysis.

**Pharmaceutical Companies / Contract Research Organizations:** May use the PV Clinical platform for **post-marketing surveillance of the products of interest**, or for **drug repositioning studies**, aiming to save cost and time for the entailed analysis.

**During Clinical trials:** The detection of Adverse Drug Reactions is an important part of clinical trials. The PV Clinical platform may **reinforce the capabilities of reporting and documenting potential Adverse Drug Reactions**, enhancing the quality of the procedure and potentially contributing to **cost reduction in clinical trial conduction**.



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