

# Pharmacovigilance in Australia

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# Reliance on Voluntary Reports

- Blue Card System
  - Regulatory
    - Lumiracoxib (2007)
    - Pan pharmaceuticals (2003)
  - Educational
    - Bulletin
  - No formal system for doing controlled studies (ad hoc studies have been done)
  - NCRIS ‘proof of concept’ project Western Australia

# Potential for record linkage/ EHR

- Community prescribing and primary care: Federal responsibility (TGA and PBS)
  - No capture of under co-payment drugs
- Hospital care and public health: State responsibility
- Progress has been made linking State health records and registries
- Progress has been slow in linking federal and state records

# Big Picture Issues

- Continuing concerns about privacy
- Governments not interested in what they don't pay for
- Lack of cooperation between regulators and funders