

SCAR WATCH

Drugs associated with Severe Cutaneous Adverse Reactions (SCAR) reported locally

Rash and skin reactions may be early signs indicative of more serious drug-induced adverse reactions such as Severe Cutaneous Adverse Reactions (SCAR). It is important to be aware of the drugs associated with SCAR reported locally, as shown in the table below, to facilitate early recognition and prompt treatment.

Drugs associated with SCAR*

Anti-epileptics

Carbamazepine
Phenytoin
Lamotrigine

Gout

Allopurinol

Antibiotics

Cotrimoxazole
Coamoxiclav
Ceftriaxone
Ciprofloxacin

Drugs introduced within 3 months before the onset of SCAR may be possible causative agents. Delayed reactions have also been reported.

* Footnote: This list of drugs is not exhaustive

Patient Advisory

1
Look out for
early signs of
rash and skin
reactions

2
Please see
a doctor
promptly
if rash
develops

Healthcare professionals are encouraged to continue reporting suspected adverse drug reactions to:

**Vigilance and Compliance Branch
Health Products Regulation Group
Health Sciences Authority**

Phone: (65) 6866 1111 Fax: (65) 6478 9069

Email: HSA_productsafety@hsa.gov.sg

Online Reporting: <https://www.hsa.gov.sg/adverse-events>

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