ADVERSE DRUG EVENT SELF-EVALUATION

What is an ADE?
An adverse drug event (ADE) is defined as any harm to an individual related to taking medicine.

Answer these questions and follow the arrows to assist in determining if you may be experiencing an ADE.

Start here

Do you have symptoms (new or existing) that concern you?

YES

Did your symptoms start, or get worse, after you started a medicine or increased the dose?

YES

Did your existing symptoms get worse because of the medicine?

YES

Did your symptoms improve when you stopped the medicine or reduced the dose?

YES

Did you stop taking the medicine, then re-start and have the same symptoms?

YES

DEFINITE ADE

NO

UNLIKELY ADE

NO

YES

POSSIBLE ADE

NO

YES

PROBABLE ADE

Recommended Action:
Speak with your provider or pharmacist about medication management and next steps.

NO

Have you had these symptoms in the past while taking this medicine?

YES

NO

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