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According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), it regulates one trillion dollars' worth of products each year or approximately 20 cents on every dollar spent in the U.S. When there is a serious problem with a product, the FDA would like to alert you immediately. The alerts contain actionable information that may impact both treatment and diagnostic choices for clinicians and patients.

Did you know that by signing up for the FDA's Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program, MedWatch, you can report problems that you have had with drugs and other medical products and you can receive safety alerts as soon as they appear on the web site? MedWatch offers an online voluntary reporting form for both clinician and consumer reporting. It also helps you stay informed about the medical products you use, prescribe and administer by sending safety alerts to your inbox. To subscribe, just visit <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch> and sign up.

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