

CPSP resource use

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The CPSP provides supplemental resources to participants that include:

- A monthly educational tool on adverse drug reaction topics entitled *ADR Tip of the Month*
- Quarterly updates that summarize reported cases by region
- Biannual educational articles on study topics

A one-time survey was conducted to assess the use of the supplementary resources mailed to CPSP participants. Questions touched on were how frequently they read the supplemental CPSP resources, how helpful they found the material to be and how they disseminated the resources. The survey also asked for feedback on how the CPSP could make the resources more relevant to paediatric practice.

All 2,559 participants were sent the survey; the response rate was 27% (688/2,559). Results reaffirmed the importance of CPSP supplemental resources for program participants. Of the respondents, 65% (444/688) stated that they always read the *ADR Tip of the Month*; another 23% (158/688) read it sometimes. More than three-quarters (80%) of respondents said they read the quarterly updates and educational resources sometimes or always.

Interestingly, 82% of respondents found the ADR tips to be either very helpful (40%) or fairly helpful (42%). Certain groups of subspecialists did not find the tips to be particularly relevant to their practice. Respondents who shared the ADR information did so by posting to notice boards, circulating the hard copy to colleagues, presenting to students, discussing with colleagues and sharing with parents.

When asked about quarterly reports, 77% of participants responded that they always or sometimes read this resource; 63% felt this resource was either very or fairly helpful.

Educational resources are sent to participants twice per year, the latest having been sent five months prior to the survey being distributed. Respondents rated this resource as being fairly helpful (44%) and very helpful (28%).

The results of this survey confirm the high value that CPSP participants place on supplemental resources and the usefulness of ADR tips to provide paediatricians with timely information relevant to practice.

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