



Detailed E-Cigarette Analysis Print interpretation guide

Essential information about E-Cigarette Analysis Prints

The information in Analysis Prints can be very useful in helping to identify possible safety issues. However, Analysis Prints do not present a complete overview of the risks associated with specific products. Conclusions on the safety and risks of medicines cannot be made on the information in Analysis Prints alone.

When using an Analysis Print, you should remember that:

- The likelihood of experiencing an adverse reaction when using an e-cigarette cannot be estimated from the information in the Analysis Print. This is because we have limited information about how many people have used the e-cigarette without experiencing a reaction.
- Reporters are asked to submit Yellow Card reports even if they only have a suspicion that the e-cigarette may have caused the adverse reaction. The existence of an adverse reaction report on an Analysis Print does not necessarily mean that the e-cigarette has caused the reaction.
- It may be difficult to tell the difference between something that has occurred naturally and an adverse reaction. Sometimes reactions can be part of an underlying condition rather than being caused by the e-cigarette.
- Many factors have to be considered when assessing whether an e-cigarette has caused a reported adverse reaction. When monitoring the safety of these products, MHRA staff carry out careful analysis of these factors.

If you are concerned about the medicine you are taking, you should contact your GP, the health professional who prescribed the medicine, your pharmacist or NHS 111 Service by dialling '111' (textphone 18001 111) in England and Scotland, or from 0845 46 47 (textphone 0845 606 4647) in Wales. You should not stop taking any prescribed medicine without first talking to your health professional.

What is an E-Cigarette Analysis Print?

The Analysis Prints provided on the MHRAs website give a complete listing of all UK spontaneous suspected adverse reactions reported through the Yellow Card Scheme to the MHRA.

Since May 2016, patients and healthcare professionals have been able to submit adverse reaction reports relating to e-cigarettes through the Yellow Card Scheme, and these are also included in Analysis Prints.

It is important to note that healthcare professionals are asked to report even if they only have a suspicion that the e-cigarette may have caused the adverse reaction. The fact that a report has been submitted does not necessarily mean that the e-cigarette has been proven to cause a reaction.