

ARV medications, just like every other drug, may cause Adverse Drug Reactions (ADR)

WHAT ARE ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS?

Adverse drug reactions are unwanted and undesirable effects developed while using a drug at the normal dose.



Commonly observed ADRs with ARVs:

Dolutegravir – Difficulty sleeping, Skin rash, Weight gain, Headaches

Tenofovir – Yellowness of the eyes, Bone pains, Abdominal pains

Abacavir – Skin rash, Yellowness of the eye

Lopinavir – Headaches, Diarrhea, Skin rash, High cholesterol

Atazanavir – Nausea, Diarrhea, Skin rash, Yellowness of the eye

What to do once you suspect ADR?

- Some ADRs will get better after a while
- Always, tell your health care provider immediately you observe any ADR, they will help you manage it

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