

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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