ONLINE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

LOOK UP INFORMATION ABOUT AN RX DRUG, OTC, HERBAL OR NUTRITIONAL PRODUCT

1. Click on the Drug Information tab and then select the Monographs subheading.
2. On the right side of your screen, type a Drug Name (brand or generic: Rx, OTC, herbal or nutritional) in the Search box, and click the Search button.
3. From the list of matches appearing below the Search box, click on a product of interest to go to its monograph.

TIP: If you are unsure of the spelling, type the first 2 characters to see an alphabetical list. Type 3 or more characters to see all drug names that contain those characters, e.g., “olol” for a list of beta blockers.

FIND DRUGS BY MEDICAL CONDITION, ADVERSE REACTION, CLASSIFICATION, ETC.

Use to make lists of drugs for a specific indication, adverse reaction, contraindication, cost, or classification. For example: “Create a list of all drugs used to treat diabetes mellitus.”

1. Click on the Drug Information tab and then select the Index Search subheading.
2. From the drop-down menu on the right side under Indexes, select Indications.
3. Type “diabetes” in the Search box, click on Search, and then click on diabetes mellitus.
4. Click on a drug name from the list provided to go to its monograph. (You can choose to link to description or dosage.)

OPTION: After Step 2, instead of typing “diabetes,” use the drop-down alphabetical menu to select the letter “D,” scroll down to diabetes mellitus, and click on it for a list of drugs, herbal and nutritional products.

FIND DRUGS THAT MEET MULTIPLE CLINICAL CRITERIA

Use for compound searching, e.g.: “What drugs can safely be used to treat hypertension in a renally impaired patient?”

1. Click on the Drug Information tab and then select the Advanced Search subheading.
2. On the right side, make sure the drop-down box shows Indications. Type “hypertension” in the Search box and click Search.
3. From the list of matches provided, click in the box beside hypertension (not the term itself).
4. Go to the drop-down menu above the Search box and select Contraindications. Type “renal impairment” and click Search, then click in the box beside renal impairment (not the term itself).
5. Go to the left side of your screen and use the drop-down menu after Contraindications/precautions to change from contains to does not contain.
6. Click the blue ✔ Report button at the top left to generate a list of drugs; click on any drug to see its monograph.

MAKE A TABLE TO COMPARE DRUGS FOR TREATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

1. Click on the Drug Information tab and then select the Drug Comparisons subheading.
2. On the right side, select Drug Names from the drop-down menu. Enter a drug name in the Search box & click Search.
3. From the list of matches provided, click in the box beside your choice. That drug will then appear on the left side.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to add all drug names desired for your report.
5. From the drop-down menu on the right side of your screen, choose the comparison criteria for your table: Indications, Contraindications, Interactions, OR Adverse Reactions. Enter your term (e.g., hypertension) and click Search.
6. From the list of matches provided, click in the box beside your choice, which will then appear on the left side.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 to add all clinical criteria desired for your report. Then click the blue ✔ Report button at the left.

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1. Click on the Clinical Tools tab and then select the Drug Interactions OR Adverse Reactions subheading.
2. On the right side, enter a Drug Name (brand or generic: Rx, OTC, herbal or nutritional) in the box under Enter drug name, and click Search. For Drug Interactions, you can search for multiple drugs in one step by using “OR” (in uppercase) to connect your search terms. For example, enter “warf OR cimet” to find both warfarin and cimetidine.
3. From the list of matches, click in the box beside your choice(s). Your selections will then appear in the left side.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to add all products desired for your report. The report will automatically screen for caffeine, food, alcohol, grapefruit juice, tobacco and enteral feedings, unless you click in the box beside each option to deselect it.
5. Click on the blue ✔ Report button at the top left.

OPTION: Many screens now have a quick “Print” link. OR, you can click on the left or right side of your screen, then use your browser’s print command.

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