Drug resources @ your fingertips...

This guide has been compiled to provide some starting points for locating information on drugs. All resources are available via CIAO.

Australian drug resources

Australian Medicines Handbook

This is a national prescription drug reference produced by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA), the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (ASCEPT).

Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook

This is a comprehensive reference of more than 330 injectable drugs including 45 antineoplastic drugs. It offers concise, referenced information commonly sought by nurses and pharmacists at ward level when preparing drugs for administration by injection.
MIMS

This is the online version of MIMS - Australia's most comprehensive and authoritative medicine database. It contains both abbreviated and full prescribing information for pharmaceuticals available in Australia.

Paediatric Pharmacopoeia

This compact publication is a vital resource for Australian general practitioners, paediatricians, pharmacists, nurses and health care institutions given the lack of dosing and safety information on medicines used in paediatrics in Australia.

It is produced by the Royal Children’s Hospital (Melbourne).

Therapeutic Guidelines

The aim of Therapeutic Guidelines is to provide clear, practical, authoritative and succinct therapeutic information for busy health practitioners, for the management of patients with specific conditions.

The recommendations in Therapeutic Guidelines are based on the latest international literature, interpreted by some of Australia’s experts. The finished texts represent the essence of current available evidence.

It is made up of 12 sets of Therapeutic Guidelines and one Management Guideline.
To search, select one of the guidelines or search the index, or use the search feature.

International drug resources

**Micromedex**

Originally created and edited by the United States Pharmacopeia until January 1, 2004, it is now entirely edited and maintained by Thomson Healthcare, Inc.

Micromedex provides access to a wide range of databases tailored to meet the needs of healthcare professionals. It includes information related to drugs and drug interactions, acute care, toxicology, and patient education.

- **Some useful features:**
  - Under the Drugs Tab, select *Drug identification* to identify a tablet or capsule by colour or shape.
  - Under the Interactions tab, select *MultipleDrug Interactions* to search for interactions between drugs.
Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference

The Martindale is prepared by the editorial staff of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

It contains information on drugs in clinical use worldwide, as well as selected investigational and veterinary drugs, herbal and complementary medicines, pharmaceutical excipients, vitamins and nutritional agents, vaccines, radiopharmaceuticals, contrast media and diagnostic agents, medicinal gases, drugs of abuse and recreational drugs, toxic substances, disinfectants, and pesticides.

The Contents section includes subsections on Drugs and Ancillary Substances, Preparations and Manufacturers.

- **Drugs and Ancillary Substances** contains over 5500 monographs arranged in 54 chapters. These chapters generally bring together monographs on drugs and groups of drugs that have similar uses or actions.

- **Preparations** contains proprietary preparations from a range of countries and you may by country, or alphabetically by the drug.

- **Manufacturers** includes a directory of distributors.

For further assistance with searching these products, contact the Department of Health Library on (08) 9222 4313 or email doh.library@health.wa.gov.au