

# Facts & Comparisons® eAnswers

## Tools and Content Highlights



Facts & Comparisons® eAnswers is an interactive online resource that provides healthcare professionals with access to trusted and authoritative drug information. It helps practitioners make efficient and effective therapeutic decisions through quick and easy access to independently reviewed and researched drug information in a variety of formats.

Facts & Comparisons eAnswers provides 100% unbiased and objective drug facts and unmatched comparative tables, for credible, trusted answers. Backed by more than 65 years of experience, this tool provides actionable answers to drug information questions for better therapeutic decisions in less time. It incorporates numerous referential databases and tools into one easy-to-use resource.

### BENEFITS:

- Provides actionable answers to drug information questions
- Enhances patient counseling including Medication Therapy Management (MTM) through multiple drug and disease information tools and resources
- Saves time with extensive cross-references and links to related content
- Supports therapeutic decision making and patient safety screening
- Simplifies the process of evaluating new drugs for formulary inclusion

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## INTERACTIVE TOOLS

### Drug Search by Disease/Symptom

This tool allows users to search using disease or symptom search terms, generating a list of drugs based on selected criteria.

- Combine criteria and create reports using one or more of the following attributes:
  - Drugs indicated/not indicated for a specified condition
  - Drugs contraindicated/not contraindicated for a specified condition
  - Drugs known/not known to cause a specified adverse reaction
- Narrow or expand search results without restarting a new search using the Medical Conditions database
- Print PDF reports to use in clinical practice

### Interactive Drug-Drug Comparative Tables

In addition to our standard class monograph comparative tables, users can choose up to 4 drugs to specifically compare side-by-side through this interactive tool.

- Drugs can be entered by brand name, generic name or NDC number
- Set up filters in the beginning to only see the information you want to review
- Quickly compare indications, adverse reactions, drug-drug and drug-food interactions, contraindications/precautions, and pregnancy warnings
- Summary information provided, with links to more detailed information when needed

### Drug Interaction Checker

Perform patient allergy, precautions and drug interaction screening using the Drug Therapy Monitoring System™ from Medi-Span®.

- Allows easy entry of allergies for screening
- Obtain drug interactions and precautions data for diseases and pregnancy/lactation based on the patient's medication history, age, sex and other attributes
- Desired screening attributes can be determined from the beginning, allowing the user to review only what they want to see
  - Summary information provided, with links to more detailed information when needed
  - Review precaution and interaction information for a single drug

### Drug Identifier

Identifying a drug has never been easier! This tool utilizes the Image and Imprint Database from Medi-Span, providing image and imprint information on nearly 15,000 products.

- Search by shape, generic or brand name, manufacturer, color, imprint, NDC code, and/or scoring
- A summary report contains thumbnail images that expand and NDC information, with links to detailed product information
- The detailed information link includes additional product characteristics, Orange Book classification status, and current market availability
- Use the Related Documents dropdown menu to link to the patient information and the professional monograph to quickly obtain more information on the product

### Clinical Calculators

- Approximately 90 clinical calculators available
- Multiple types available for calculating dosing, body measurements, lab values, or other medical needs, as well as calculators to determine ACLS/PALS/NALS emergency drug dosing

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## CONTENT & DATABASE DESCRIPTIONS

### Drug Facts and Comparisons®

For more than 65 years, *Drug Facts and Comparisons* has been the premier authoritative, unbiased, and comprehensive drug information resource. Drugs are divided into related therapeutic or pharmacological groups for easy comparison. Using the functionality of Facts & Comparisons® eAnswers, drugs from this content source can also be found by generic or brand name.

- Includes over 22,000 Rx and 6,000 OTC products, including generic and trade names
- Drugs within the same therapeutic category are grouped side-by-side for easy comparison
- Product tables with detailed product information, including NDC and image and imprint, with sorting and filtering capabilities to simplify your research
- MedWatch links included when available
- Extensive manufacturer/distributor list
- Off-label uses, with links to detailed information in Off-Label Drug Facts
- Pregnancy and Lactation information, including access to detailed monographs from *Brigg's Drugs in Pregnancy and Lactation*
- Dosing information, including pediatric and elderly information and adjustments for renal and hepatic impairment
- More than 3,000 unique charts and tables, allowing for comparisons of pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, drug interactions, and much more
- Administration information, including product compatibilities, administration instructions, and patient monitoring
- References available, including Pubmed links to the primary literature

### Off-Label Drug Facts

Off-Label Drug Facts assists the healthcare professional in quickly identifying published literature regarding a specific drug use that is not currently approved by the FDA.

- Includes over 1,000 monographs providing off-label drug information for patient populations, indications, route of administration, and dosing
- Documentation rating scale, providing information on the relevance and strength of the evidence for the off-label use
- Review summarized information on relevant controlled/non-controlled trial information, as well as historical cohort study information
- Information available on the safety of the off-label use
- References with links to the primary literature

### Comparative Efficacy Content

Written by clinicians, this content provides comparative efficacy data on over 25 topics relevant to clinical practice.

- Summary comparative efficacy data for a particular condition is provided within individual drug and class monographs, with the option to drill down to detailed comparative monograph content
- Full comparative efficacy condition monographs are searchable and indexed in the References section
- Full monographs include a review of the literature, a review of the safety of drugs used for the condition, each individual summary single agent and class review, with links to the individual drug monograph
- Fully referenced with links to the primary literature

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#### Briggs' Pregnancy and Lactation Content

Briggs' *Drugs in Pregnancy and Lactation* is the definitive reference on medication use in pregnant and lactating women. Briggs' monographs include case studies and small reviews in addition to larger trials, to provide the most information available on the use of drugs in pregnant and lactating women.

- Summary information from Briggs is available within monographs, with links to additional detailed content
- An index page within References provides direct access to the Briggs' monographs, with links available to the related drug monographs
- Content is fully referenced

#### Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) Content

Provides detailed information on REMS programs as required by the FDA and specified by the manufacturer.

- REMS information includes:
  - Description and purpose of the particular REMS program
  - Contact information, including phone numbers, links to manufacturer websites and FDA webpages
  - Information on pharmacy and prescriber training responsibilities
  - Elements to Ensure Safe Use (ETASU) components of the REMS program
  - Links to Medication Guides, when appropriate
  - Dispensing requirements
- REMS program information is incorporated into each affected drug monograph and is also available via the index page in References

#### Drug Interaction Facts™

Covers both drug-drug and drug-food interaction information. Review potential interactions by class or generic/trade names.

- Over 1,800 detailed monographs covering 20,000 drugs
- At-a-glance onset, severity and documentation levels; significance ratings; effects, mechanism, and management information
- Written and reviewed by a panel of pharmacists, physicians, and pharmacologists
- Fully referenced with links to the primary literature

#### Herbal Interaction Facts™

Answers patient-safety questions about drug-drug and drug-herb interactions.

- Over 100 monographs
- At-a-glance onset, severity and documentation levels; significance ratings; effects, mechanism, and management information
- Fully referenced with links to the primary literature

#### Orphan Drugs

This table provides information on products that have a status as an orphan drug for a particular indication.

- Includes generic and brand names, orphan drug indication, contact information for the orphan drug sponsor, and program exclusivity dates
- Related document links between *Drug Facts and Comparisons* and the Orphan Drug Table provide quick access for those drugs that have both approved and orphan drug status

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#### Medication Guides

These guides contain information for patients on how to safely use a medication. They are created by the manufacturer and approved by the FDA. Available for brand and generic products as provided by the manufacturer.

- PDF-printing capabilities
- Note: This database may not include all current Medication Guides required by the FDA because of limitations on publicly available information.

#### The Review of Natural Products

Provides up-to-date, objective assessment of the latest medical and scientific studies on natural products, including medically active foods (nutraceuticals). Based on clinical studies, monographs are peer-reviewed by an expert panel to provide trusted, evidence-based information.

- Over 350 fully-referenced monographs
- Therapeutic and alphabetic indexes
- Evidence-based herb/drug interactions appendix
- Pregnancy and lactation information
- Patient information

#### A to Z Drug Facts™

A summary drug reference resource, including:

- Administration and Dosage section organized by age, route, and specific disease states
- Black Box Warnings along with warnings and precautions for specific age groups, pregnancy, lactation, and disease states
- Quick links available between the summary monograph and the full monograph
- Provides a quick summary level of information when needed

#### MedFacts Patient Handouts

Provides medication information to patients to supplement verbal counseling received at the time of dispensing.

- English and Spanish versions
- PDF printing in regular and large font options

#### Black Box Warnings

A reference page containing links to over 600 Black Box Warnings.

- Links provide quick access to the specific Black Box Warning within the monograph
- Warnings are updated as new information is identified

#### Manufacturer Index

Provides a comprehensive alphabetical list of manufacturers.

- Labelers and repackagers included
- Contact information is provided
- Includes links to the manufacturer's website when available

#### Don't Crush/Chew

Provides an alphabetical list of products that should not be crushed or chewed.

- Includes a discussion of dosage form types (including common abbreviations) that should not be crushed or chewed, and why those dosage forms are in use
- Also provides a short summary of why patients may crush or chew meds and some options for those dosage forms that should not be altered

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### Immunization Schedules

Resource for routine and special immunization needs for children and adults.

- Provides reprinted information from the CDC: Recommended Adult and Pediatric Immunization Schedules

- Also contains catch-up tables for pediatric immunization schedules and general information on vaccines
- Provides information on immunizations in special populations, with references to the CDC MMWR publication on immunizations

## OPTIONAL ADD-ON MODULE

### *Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference*™

Written by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain staff, this resource includes:

- Information on 6700 drugs and other substances of interest in medicine
- Information on over 180,000 proprietary preparations from 40 countries and regions
- Chemical/molecular drug structures
- Verified contact information on 15,000 manufacturers

