The Nurses Guide to Fast Searching of Medicines Information in MIMS Online

Every nurse knows the little MIMS book, MIMS Abbreviated, which has been on the drug trolley of every ward for nearly 50 years. This great book is still very widely used by nurses for a quick check on medications during administration rounds. However, all state public hospitals and the majority of private hospitals now have the electronic version of MIMS, "MIMS Online" available at every nurse's station.

The electronic products are proving invaluable for nurses to check drug interactions for patients who have multiple medications, as well as checking the identification of pills e.g. admitting the patient with a plastic bag full of pills but no packaging.

Here are some handy "nurse search cheat sheets" to guide you to find information simply and quickly, even faster than you can flip through the MIMS book!

These guides only scratch the surface of the capability of MIMS Online, but the majority of the information you are searching for can be found using these simple methods.

Medicines Information (Product Info) Search

Select the text "Product Info" in the Search Box.

1. Enter the first few letters of a product/ generic name/ ingredient and select from the drop down list e.g. asp (Note: this option must be activated in user preferences, **Error! Reference source not found.**) OR

2. Enter key word(s) in the search box such as product name e.g. Aspirin

    Handy Hint: You can also search by Action/Indication or Therapeutic Class in the product information search

3. Click on *Search*

The Product Information results appear showing the information below:

1. Clicking on the brand name will display the Full PI, Abbreviated PI or CMI according to default navigation option set in preferences

2. Select Full Product Information, Abbreviated Product Information or Consumer Medicine Information

3. Drug Interactions – click to display drug/drug interaction results

4. Hover or click to display picture(s) of the selected product (where available)

5. Click to display the manufacturer details, including a list of all their products, address and contact details

6. Use this link to find products in the same therapeutic class

7. Use this link to find other products containing the same generic ingredient

Pill Identifier Search

Select the text "Pill ID" in the Search Box. The text will appear in black type

1. Enter the first few letters of a product/ generic name/ ingredient and select from the drop down list e.g. asp (Note: this option must be activated in user preferences) OR
2. Enter the key word in the search box e.g. Aspirin

A key feature of the Pill Identifier search in the simple search screen is the ability to search by colour or shape. For more advanced image searching, experiment with the Pill ID Advanced Search.

Pill Identifier Search

Product Info | **Pill ID** | CMI | Drug Interactions

aspirin   [Search]   Advanced Search | Browse Products | Preferences

Did you mean : minirin septrin disprin aspalgin spiriva

Current Search Keyword : aspirin

Found 17 result(s) in 0.053 seconds

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ALKA SELTZER

Alka-Seltzer

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(1) Alka-Seltzer Tablets   [Bayer Consumer] (2)
Form :effervescent tablet
Contents : **Aspirin** - Sodium bicarbonate - Citric acid (3)
MIMS Class : Simple analgesics and antipyretics (4)
Color :
Core Colour :WHITE
Shape :Round
Markings :ALKA SELTZER
Scoring :No
Size :

1. Clicking on the brand name will display the Full PI, Abbreviated PI or CMI according to the default navigation option selected in user preferences
2. Click to display the manufacturer details, including a list of all their products, address and contact details
3. Click this hyperlink to display images of all products containing the same generic ingredient
4. Click this hyperlink to display images of all products in the same therapeutic class

Drug Interactions Search

MIMS Drug Interactions is one of MIMS' Clinical Support Modules. The Drug Interactions information is complied by a team of our editors after an exhaustive review process, including ongoing searches of primary international literature, ADR bulletins, periodicals and supporting literature associated with new products. All results are presented with a list of references.

To conduct a drug interaction check, follow these steps:

1. Select the text "Drug Interactions" in the Search Box. The text will appear in black type

2. Type the name of the medicine by brand or generic molecule in the search box

3. The results displayed are for all molecules that are known to cause an interaction with the medicine you entered

4. To add more drugs to the search or search on particular brands or generic molecules, you can use the Boolean "AND" (capital letters required) in the search box OR use the "Add/Remove Drugs" link

5. You can also filter your search results by Severity Level and/or Documentation Level

6. To sort the results in order of Interacting Molecule, Severity, Documentation Level or Route of Administration, click on the column heading. To sort in the opposite order, click on the heading again.