

Where does MIMS source information?



The medicines information within MIMS is updated by our editors every month. Each medicine listing contains information from multiple sources.

We receive updates to the TGA approved PIs and CMI's from several different channels. In many cases, revised or new PIs come through from the Secure Data Warehouse provided by Guildlinks; pharmaceutical companies upload their updated information which is then distributed to several health information providers. Alternatively, many companies will email updated versions of their product information directly to the MIMS editorial inbox. Although Guildlinks may charge the pharmaceutical companies for this service, MIMS does not charge **any** fees for listing medicines in our products. As well as the TGA approved PI's; we also have

information for a large number of OTC products, herbal and vitamin preparations and nutritional supplements. In the absence of an approved PI, the editors may use official label artwork and information from a completed MIMS New Product Advice Form.

In addition to the full prescribing information, the MIMS editors produce an abbreviated product listing. These are written by the MIMS editorial team who are all health professionals (predominantly pharmacists). The abbreviated listings can contain information from or links to a variety of different information sources. For Example; NPS Radar and medicines update, TGA pregnancy information, drugs in sport status etc.

As well as our medicines information, MIMS products include decision support modules (e.g. Drug interactions, Drug Allergy*, Drugs in Pregnancy* (*integrated products only)) which are predominantly researched and updated from primary literature. Pubmed and the Cochrane reviews are searched, as well as publications like Reactions Weekly. When required, references are backed up with internationally recognised tertiary literature sources such as Martindale, the AHFS and Stockley's Drug Interactions. Information is updated by regular reviews and if changes are noted in the PIs these medicines are flagged for further research.

MIMS has also partnered with other information providers to deliver valuable content to our users. This includes the SHPA's Don't Rush to Crush, and evidence based drug- herb interactions from the University of Sydney. Further information on both of these can be found on www.mims.com.au