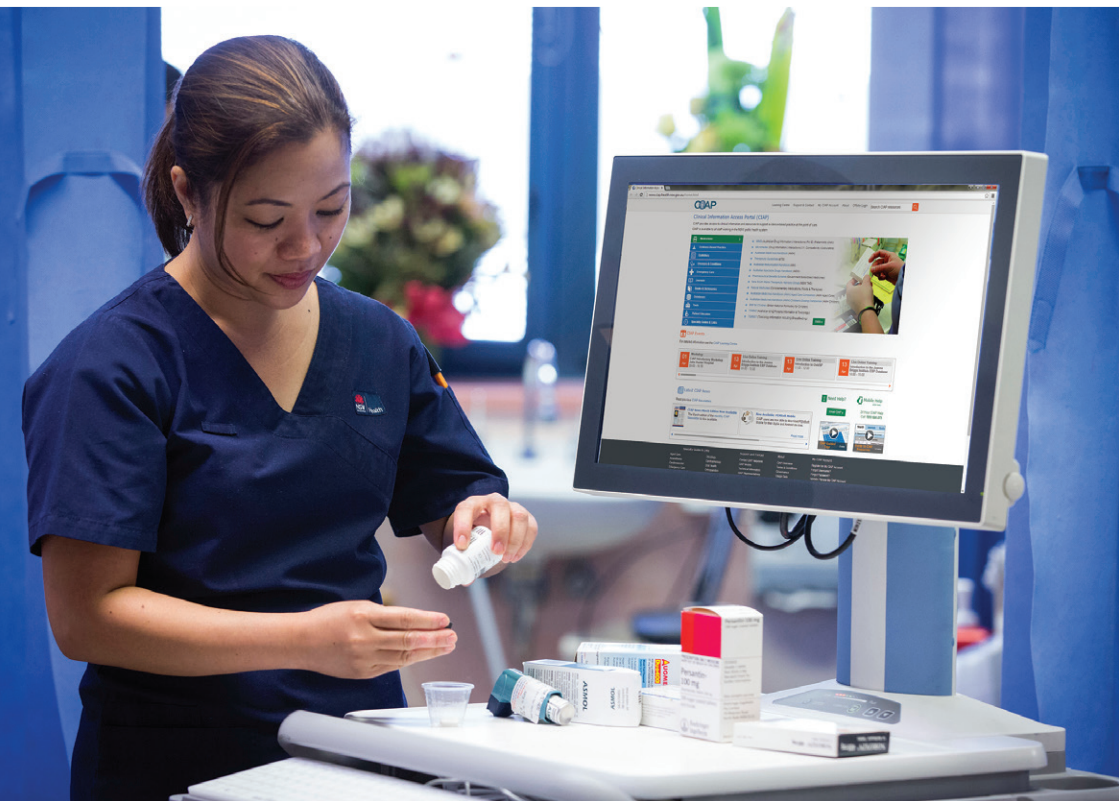




Clinical Information Access Portal

Medications



The Medications Information Guide has been developed to provide information on the medication specific resources available on CIAP.

You can find it on CIAP
www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au



Locating Resources on CIAP

Clinical information resources on CIAP can be located via the left hand menu on the CIAP home page. Medications resources can be found by selecting 'Medications' from this menu. To view an in-depth guide to Medications resources on CIAP, click on the green 'More' button.

General Information on Medications

- **MIMS Online*** provides Australian medication information including Consumer Medicines Information (CMI), Product Information (PI), Pill ID and product images. MIMS also includes access to SHPA's Don't Rush to Crush handbook.
- **Micromedex*** provides information on drug interactions, IV compatibility and includes Martindale: the complete drug reference.



- **Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)** provides best available evidence to support prescribing and dispensing as well as comparative information on Australian medications.

In-depth Information on Medications

- **Martindale: the complete drug reference** lists over 6,000 drugs and medications used throughout the world and almost 700 disease treatment reviews.
- **Micromedex*** provides a collection of databases containing in-depth medication information such as DrugReax (drug interactions), and REPRORISK (reproductive risk information).
- **American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS)** provides a comprehensive, evidence-based source of information compiled by drug information pharmacists.
- **Embase** is a biomedical and pharmacological database that enables in-depth searching of literature from journals published world-wide. It is especially strong in its coverage of drug and pharmaceutical research.

Complementary and Alternative Medicines

- **Natural Medicines** provides high-quality, evidence-based information about complementary and alternative therapies, diets, exercise and nutrition.

Evidence-based Information

- **Therapeutic Guidelines (eTG Complete)** provides comprehensive, easily searchable information and patient handouts. Also available under the 'Medications' and 'Guidelines' tabs.
- **The Cochrane Library** is a collection of databases provided by the Cochrane Collaboration and includes information on medications.
- **BMJ Best Practice*** is a point of care tool designed to support clinicians in decision making from diagnosis to treatment including therapeutic medications.
- **UpToDate** – an authoritative, evidence-based, clinical decision support resource that provides regularly updated summaries on a broad range of clinical topics.

Specialised Information

Lactation/Pregnancy

- **Micromedex*** and the **AMH** provide in-depth and specialised information on the suitability of drugs for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- **Drugs in Pregnancy and Lactation (Briggs)** is a reference guide to foetal and neonatal risk, summarising international literature as it relates to drugs in pregnancy and lactation.
- **LactMed*** database is a peer-reviewed and fully referenced American database of drugs to which breastfeeding women may be exposed. Available through 'TOXNET'.



Children

- **AMH Children's Dosing Companion** provides detailed paediatric dosing information for individual drugs that are available and prescribed in Australia.
- **BNF (British National Formulary) for Children** provides information on the use of medicines for treating children.
- **Australian Immunisation Handbook** provides clinical guidelines for the safe and effective use of vaccines in practice.

Poisons Information

- **Therapeutic Guidelines (eTG Complete)** provides guidelines and information on Toxicology and Wilderness topics.

Aged Care

- **AMH Aged Care** provides Australian medicines information to assist clinicians to ensure that older people gain the optimum benefit from their medications.

Specialist Medication Information Services

- **NSW Medicines Information Centre (MIC)** provides a free information service on all aspects of medication use. The Centre can be contacted by phone on **(02) 8382 3047** or email nswmic@svha.org.au Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.
- **NSW Poisons Information Centre** provides evidence-based information regarding the risk assessment, management and treatment of human poisoning. The service can be contacted 24/7 on **13 11 26**.
- **National Prescribing Service (NPS)** provides a Quality Use of Medicines service for Australia's National Medicines Policy and provides information on

prescription, non-prescription and complementary medications. The service has a strong consumer focus and provides over 1500 Consumer Medicines Information (CMI) leaflets.

- **Hunter Drug Information Service (HDIS)** provides information on medications (primarily) to health professionals working within Hunter New England Health Services. The service can be contacted by phone on **(02) 4014 3695** or email hdis@calvarymater.org.au
- **Mothersafe** is a free telephone advice service for health professionals and pregnant or breastfeeding women. The service can be contacted by phone **(02) 9382 6539** if calling from Sydney, or **1800 647 848** if calling from country NSW.

**also available as a mobile app download*

Mobile Resources

The CIAP mobile site is available for users of mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. It includes mobile rendered versions of the most popular CIAP resources and a number of downloadable apps.

Navigate to www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au on your device to see what's available or view the app download userguide by selecting 'Mobile' from the top menu to see what's available.

Need help?

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