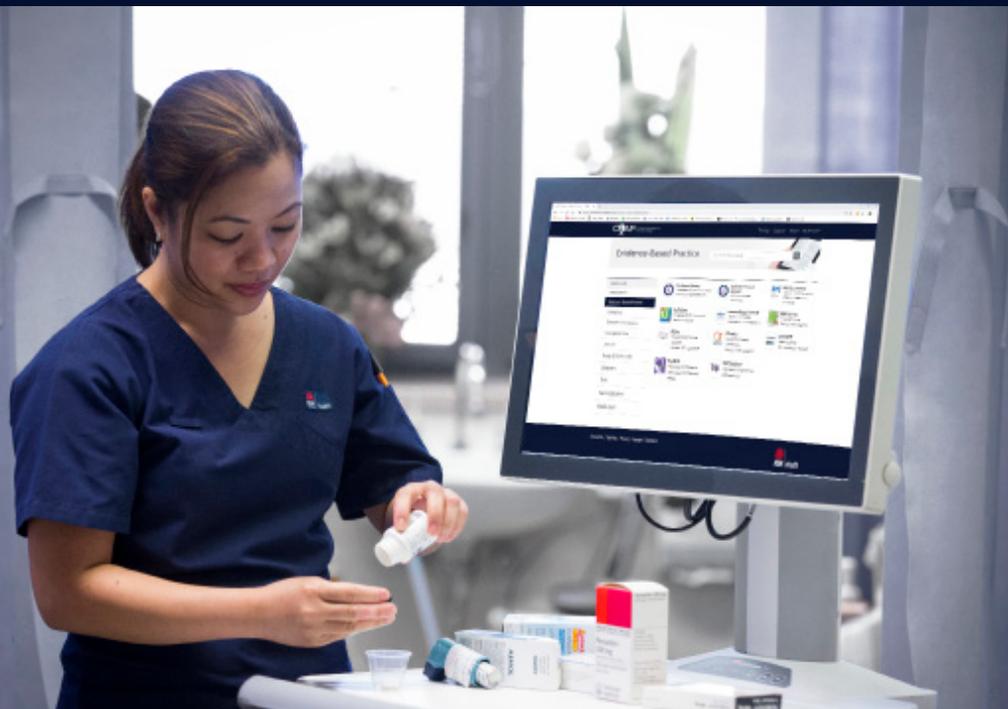


# Handbook



Access to clinical information to support patient care and enhance clinical decision making for all health professionals

- evidence-based practice • medication resources
- online journals and books • clinical databases
- clinical decision support tools

## About CIAP

The Clinical Information Access Portal (CIAP) provides NSW Health staff with 24 hour access to clinical information resources that support evidence-based practice at the point of care.

CIAP is available to all NSW Health staff via the intranet and internet - anywhere, anytime, at work and at home.

## Getting Started

You do not need a username or password to access CIAP from work. For all NSW Health employees, CIAP is freely accessible through the intranet at your workplace.

CIAP allows users to create an individual account for home access.

To register, select 'My Account' from the top menu on CIAP and then select 'Register' and follow the prompts. Registration can only occur from a work computer on the NSW Health Network.

To view a short video outlining how to navigate the CIAP website, select 'Training' from the top menu on CIAP and then 'User Guides & Videos'.

## Support & Contact

All Support resources can be viewed by selecting 'Support' from the top menu on CIAP.

For all non-urgent CIAP enquiries, please use the [CIAP Request Form in SARA](#).

For urgent issues, please call the Statewide Service Desk on **1300 28 55 33** and press 2 for clinical. If the agent is unable to assist, you'll be transferred directly to the CIAP team.

Frequently asked questions relating to CIAP are also available under 'Support' from the top menu.

## CIAP Training

A range of learning opportunities are provided for all NSW Health staff.

The full range can be explored by selecting 'Training' from the top menu on CIAP. All training is provided free of charge to NSW Health staff members.



## CIAP's EBP Modules

CIAP's Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Learning Modules can be found by selecting 'Training' from the top menu. The modules discuss evidence-based practice, formulating clinical questions, searching citation databases, critical literature evaluation, and much more. A certificate is generated following successful completion of each module.



## Medications

Medications resources can be found by selecting 'Medications' from the left menu. To view an in-depth guide to Medications resources on CIAP, including specialist resources such as the Poisons Information Centre (PIC) and NPS, click on the Medications Guide.

- **Australian Immunisation Handbook**
- **Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook**
- **Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)**  
- provides practical advice on Australian medicines including dosage, comparative information, and practice points.
- **Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH) Aged Care Companion** - provides information on how to optimise medication treatment in older people.

- **Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH) Children's Dosing Companion** - provides information on dosage, prescribing, and administering medicines to children from birth to 18 years.
- **British National Formulary (BNF) for Children** - an authoritative UK reference on use of medicines in children from pre-term neonates to 18 years.
- **MIMS Online\*** - provides information on medicines marketed in Australia including Product Information (PI), Consumer Medicines Information (CMI), a Pill ID tool, product images, and a drug interaction checker. MIMS also includes access to SHPA's Don't Rush to Crush handbook.
- **Micromedex\*** - an authoritative US database providing in-depth information on medicines. Includes a drug interaction checker, IV Compatibility checker, and detailed information on adverse effects.
- **NatMed Pro**- provides high-quality, evidence-based information about complementary and alternative therapies, medicines, and includes an alternative + traditional medicine interaction checker.
- **Palliative Care Formulary** - provides unrivalled and independent drug information for health professionals when caring for adult patients facing progressive life-limiting diseases and their care givers.
- **Drugs In Pregnancy and Lactation (Briggs)** - a recommended textbook for information about drug effects in pregnancy and lactation.
- **Therapeutic Guidelines** - provides Australian, independent, evidence-based guidance on treatment of specific conditions.

# Evidence-Based Practice

- **BMJ Best Practice\*** - a UK point of care tool designed to support clinicians in decision making from diagnosis to treatment.
- **Cochrane Library** - databases including Cochrane Systematic Reviews, Register of Controlled Trials, Cochrane Clinical Answers, and more.
- **UpToDate\*** - a US authoritative, evidence-based, clinical decision support resource that provides regularly updated summaries on a broad range of clinical topics.
- **Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI)** - authoritative evidence summaries, systematic reviews, recommended practices and patient information to promote evidence-based practice, with a focus on nursing and allied health.
- **EBM Reviews** - searches across high quality evidence sources e.g. Cochrane and ACP Journal Club.

- **Lippincott Advisor + Lippincott Procedures** - a collection of evidence-based content that provides practicing nurses with instant access to online references and detailed descriptions of procedures at the point of care.
- **PEDro** - a physiotherapy specific evidence database which includes systematic reviews and tutorials on appraising clinical trials.
- **OTSeeker** - a database of abstracts of appraised studies on injury management relevant to occupational therapy.
- **SpeechBITE** - a database of intervention studies across the scope of speech pathology practice.
- **NeuroBITE** - a database of studies on treatments for psychological problems due to brain injury.
- **TRIP** - quickly search across multiple high quality evidence sources. Features a PICO search tool.

# Guidelines

- **Australian Resuscitation Council** - guidelines on resuscitation.
- **Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI)** - evidence-based healthcare initiatives.
- **Clinical Excellence Commission** - promotes and supports improved clinical care, safety and quality.
- **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence** - UK guidelines, pathways, and treatment information.
- **NSW Ministry of Health (MOH) Policy Directives and Guidelines** - links to state-wide policy directives and guidelines.
- **Guidelines International Network (GIN)** - International evidence-based practice guideline portal.





## Diseases & Conditions

- **UpToDate\*** - an authoritative, evidence-based, clinical decision support resource that provides regularly updated summaries on a broad range of clinical topics.
- **BMJ Best Practice\*** - a point of care tool designed to support clinicians in decision making from diagnosis to treatment.
- **Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine** - an authoritative textbook on internal medicine aimed at all healthcare professionals.
- **Pediatric Care Online\*** - a paediatric decision support tool assisting in diagnosis and treatment.
- **Access Medicine\*** - a fully searchable suite of medical textbooks, including Harrison's. Access Medicine also includes point-of-care reference materials, patient education, and study tools.

## Online Journal & Books

- **CIAP Journal List** - over 2000 journals searchable by title or subject.
- **CIAP Book List** - over 400 books searchable by title or subject.

## Databases

- **MEDLINE** - medicine, nursing, dentistry, the health care system, and the preclinical sciences.
- **EMBASE** - biomedical and pharmaceutical fields, health policy and nursing.
- **EMCARE** - nursing and allied health.
- **ProQuest** - nursing and allied health.
- **PsycINFO** - psychology, neuroscience, social work, and education, and management.



## Patient Education

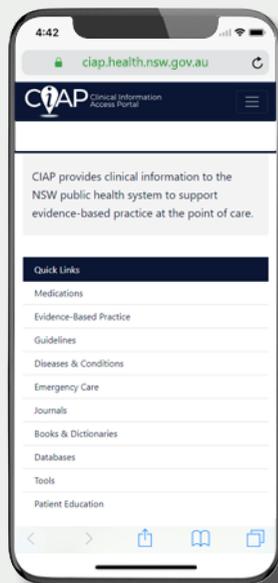
Patient Education resources can be found by selecting 'Patient Education' in the left menu.

All resources listed in this panel include a number of evidence-based patient handouts that support shared decision making at the point of care.

## Mobile Resources

You can browse the CIAP website on your mobile device if you have an internet connection. You will require a CIAP Account to access the resources when browsing this way, which you can create from a work computer by selecting 'My Account' from the top menu on CIAP.

Many of the CIAP resources are also available via downloadable apps for your mobile device. Navigate to [www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au) on your device and select 'Mobile Apps' from the left menu to see what's available.



## Tools & Education

- **ECG - LITFL ECG Library** - a tool that covers over 100 ECG topics relevant to Emergency Medicine and Critical Care, and teaches interpretations of ECGs through clinically relevant cases and self assessment quizzes. Available from 'Tools' in the left menu.
- **UpToDate Lab Interpretations** - provides monographs to interpret abnormal lab results and aids in choosing the next steps in treatment.
- **Clinical Calculators** - a range of clinical calculators, dictionaries, and other tools can be found on CIAP.
- **Clinical Equipment User Manual Library.**

## Specialty Guides & Links

Over 20 CIAP Specialty Guides provide convenient access to CIAP resources that are particularly relevant to various clinical areas, such as Aged Care, Infectious Diseases, Paediatrics, Maternity, Oncology and Renal.

To access the specialty guides, select 'Specialty Guides' from the left menu on CIAP.

## Available Mobile Apps



### **MIMS**

The MIMS app provides full and abbreviated drug information for pharmaceuticals available in Australia including drug interaction information and a pill identification tool.



### **UpToDate**

The UpToDate app provides highly authoritative, evidence-based and peer reviewed decision support with in-depth clinical content and analysis across a range of specialties.



### **Therapeutic Guidelines**

Therapeutic Guidelines includes the latest version of all Therapeutic Guidelines topics, integrated in a searchable digital product, designed for use on desktop and mobile devices.



### **BMJ Best Practice**

BMJ Best Practice is a trusted, authoritative clinical decision support tool that provides quick, easy-to-use answers to clinical questions.



### **Micromedex**

Three Micromedex apps provide access to a comprehensive database of evidence based medicines information, a drug interactions checker, and an IV compatibility checker.



### **Access - by McGraw Hill**

The Access - by McGraw Hill app delivers support and point of care solutions for clinical practice with concise, evidence-based information and condition summaries as well as a number of diagnostic tools.

**and many more...**

## Need help?

To access user guides and video tutorials, elearning modules and training events, select 'Training' from the top menu on CIAP.

Contact the CIAP team by selecting 'Support' and then 'Contact Us' from the top menu.

[www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ciap.health.nsw.gov.au)



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