Pharmacology in Nursing
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Web Resources

General Useful Links

Title: Home page of Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
Link: www.tga.gov.au/
Description: TGA is Australia’s regulatory agency for medical drugs and devices.

Title: Australian Medicines Handbook
Link: http://www.amh.net.au

Title: Medsafe
Link: www.medsafe.govt.nz
Description: This is an extremely good website for providing information on regulation of medicines, classification of medicines, data sheets, adverse reaction reporting, prescriber update articles and much more regarding medications in New Zealand.

Title: MIMS
Description: MIMS (2011) online. MIMS is an Australian comprehensive drug reference system.

Title: MedlinePlus
Link: www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus
Description: This website is supported by the National Library of Medicine. It contains information on medications and information concerning diseases.

Title: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC)
Link: www.safetyandquality.gov.au
Description: This website provides a number of programs, publications and resources to support healthcare professionals, healthcare organisations and healthcare policy makers, working with patients and carers, to deliver safe and quality health care across Australia.

Title: myDr
Description: Health News from MIMS.
Section 1: Introduction to Medications and Medication Administration

Title: Pharmaceutical-Technology.com
Link: http://www.pharmaceutical-technology.com/contractors/drug_delivery/lts-ohmann/
Description: LTS – Transdermal Therapeutic Patches and Advanced Oral Wafer (Thin Films) Medication.

Title: ComLaw website
Description: Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons 2012.

Title: Classifications of Medicines: Database of Classifications
Link: http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/class/classintro.asp
Description: Information for Health Professionals, New Zealand.

Title: HerbMed
Link: www.herbmed.org
Description: Interactive herb database.

Title: British National Formulary
Link: www.bnf.org
Description: The BNF aims to provide prescribers, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals with sound, up-to-date information about the use of medicines.

Title: Corey Nahman Drug Database
Link: www.coreynahman.com
Description: Internet Drug News.
**Title:** Mayo Clinic home page  
**Link:** [http://www.mayoclinic.com/](http://www.mayoclinic.com/)  
**Description:** Mayo Clinic is a non-profit worldwide leader in medical care, research and education.

**Title:** PharmWeb  
**Link:** [www.pharmweb.net](http://www.pharmweb.net)  
**Description:** Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Information on the Internet.

**Title:** Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medicines (ACSOM)  
**Description:** The ACSOM was formed in January 2010 to advise and make recommendations to the TGA on the a) safety of medicines and b) risk assessment and risk management of medicines.

**Title:** New Zealand Pharmacovigilance Centre  
**Link:** [https://nzphvc-01.otago.ac.nz/carm-adr/carm.php](https://nzphvc-01.otago.ac.nz/carm-adr/carm.php)  
**Description:** The Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring (CARM) in Dunedin is New Zealand’s national monitoring centre for adverse reactions.

**Title:** Pharmacovigilance in New Zealand  
**Description:** Medsafe, part of the Ministry of Health, is responsible for pharmacovigilance activities in New Zealand.

**Title:** Institute for Safe Medication Practices (US)  
**Link:** [www.ismp.org](http://www.ismp.org)  
**Description:** Preventing medication errors.

**Title:** Quickstats  
**Description:** Quickstats about New Zealand’s Population and Dwellings.

**Title:** ABS  
**Description:** Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, June 2010.

**Title:** GS1 Healthcare, Public Policy Fact Sheet, Reducing Medications Errors  
**Description:** A fact sheet about reducing medical errors.
Section 2: Agents That Interfere with Microbial Growth

Title: Medsafe
Description: Medsafe, Data Sheet, VFEND.

Title: Antiviral Agents – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDCP] (USA)
Link: www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6001a1.htm
Description: Article from CDCP website regarding Antiviral agents for the treatment and chemoprophylaxis of influenza.

Title: Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)
Link: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/
Description: Antiviral agents for influenza: Background information for clinicians [fact sheet].
Section 3: Agents Used to Control Pain and Inflammation

**Title:** Malignant hyperthermia resource kit  
**Description:** A group of anaesthetists and scientists in New Zealand and Australia, with a special interest in malignant hyperthermia, have developed a comprehensive resource kit for crisis management of malignant hyperthermia.

**Title:** WHO Pain Ladder  
**Link:** [www.who.int/cancer/palliative/painladder/en/](http://www.who.int/cancer/palliative/painladder/en/)  
**Description:** A three-step ladder for cancer pain relief.

**Title:** New Zealand Pain Society  
**Link:** [http://www.nzps.org.nz/](http://www.nzps.org.nz/)  
**Description:** The NZPS is an organisation representing a wide range of disciplines interested in the management and understanding of pain.

**Title:** International Association for Study of Pain  
**Link:** [https://www.iasp-pain.org/](https://www.iasp-pain.org/)  
**Description:** The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) is a professional forum for science, practice and education in the field of pain.

**Title:** Australian Pain Society  
**Link:** [http://www.apsoc.org.au/](http://www.apsoc.org.au/)  
**Description:** The Australian Pain Society is involved in clinical practice, education, research and public advocacy related to pain.

**Title:** Arthritis New Zealand  
**Link:** [http://www.arthritis.org.nz/](http://www.arthritis.org.nz/)  
**Description:** Arthritis New Zealand is an awareness and advocacy group. They also offer arthritis education services.

**Title:** Arthritis Australia  
**Description:** Arthritis Australia provides support, information and education about arthritis and funds arthritis research.
Section 4: Agents Affecting the Nervous System

Title: Depression – signs & symptoms
Link: www.depression.org.nz/content/depression/signs
Description: New Zealand Website for Depression.

Title: Canterbury District Health Board
Link: www.cdhb.govt.nz/totara/whatispy.htm
Description: What is Psychosis?

Title: Schizophrenia.com
Link: www.schizophrenia.com/earlypsychosis.htm
Description: Worldwide Early Diagnosis & Treatment Centres for Psychosis & Schizophrenia.

Title: The New Zealand Early intervention in Psychosis Society Incorporated
Link: www.earlypsychosis.org.nz/
Description: The New Zealand Early intervention in Psychosis Society.

Title: Supporting Families with Mental Illness (NZ)
Link: http://www.sfauckland.org.nz/INFORMATION/Mental+Health+Information/Psychosis.html
Description: Supporting Families with Mental Illness, Psychosis.
Title: Depression.com.au  
Link: www.depression.com.au/  
Description: Professional Counselling.

Title: Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centre  
Link: www.eppic.org.au/Psychosis  
Description: Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centre, Psychosis.

Title: Bipolar Disorder  
Description: Bipolar Disorder, Homepage.

Title: Health Insite, Bipolar Disorder  
Link: www.healthinsite.gov.au/topics/Bipolar_Disorder  
Description: Health Insite, Bipolar Disorder.

Title: Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand  
Link: www.mentalhealth.org.nz/page/167-bipolar-related-sites  
Description: Links to Bipolar related sites.

Title: Behavioural Neurotherapy Clinic  
Description: Behavioural Neurotherapy Clinic (Australia).

Title: The Better Health Channel (BHC)  
Description: Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Title: National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia)  
Description: Draft Australian Guidelines on ADHD.

Title: Alzheimer’s Association  
Link: www.alz.org  
Description: What Is Alzheimer’s Disease?

Title: Alzheimers New Zealand  
Link: http://www.alzheimers.org.nz/  
Description: Alzheimers New Zealand Incorporated is a not-for-profit organisation which provides support, information, education programmes and services appropriate to the local community.
Title: Fight Dementia, Statistics  
Description: Summary of Dementia Statistics in Australia.

Title: Parkinson’s New Zealand  
Link: www.parkinsons.org.nz  
Description: Parkinson’s New Zealand (The Parkinsonism Society of New Zealand).

Title: Parkinson’s Australia  
Link: www.parkinsons.org.au  
Description: Parkinson’s Australia.

Title: Epilepsy Foundation.  
Link: www.epilepsyfoundation.org  
Description: The Epilepsy Foundation of America website offers comprehensive, medically approved consumer information about epilepsy and seizures.

Title: Epilepsy Action Australia  
Link: http://www.epilepsy.org.au/about-epilepsy  
Description: Epilepsy Action Australia.

Title: Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Link: http://www.rls.org  
Description: The Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation is a non-profit organisation providing the latest information about Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS).

Title: MGNSW, The Australian Myasthenic Gravis Association  
Link: http://www.myasthenia.org.au/  

Title: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke  
Link: www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/myasthenia_gravis/myasthenia_gravis.htm  
Description: NINDS Myasthenia gravis information page.

Title: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
Link: http://www.aihw.gov.au  

Title: Alcohol and Other Drugs: A Handbook for Health Professionals  
Section 5: Agents Used to Treat Haematological Disorders

Title: World Health Organization

Section 6: Agents Used to Treat Cardiovascular Disorders

Title: Digitalis toxicity article
Link: www.emedicine.com/med/topic568.htm

Title: Digitalis Toxicity
Link: http://www.shands.org/health/HIE%20multimedia/1/000165.htm
Description: Shands Health Care. Digitalis toxicity.

Title: Heart Foundation
Description: Guide to management of hypertension (2008).
Section 7: Agents Used to Treat Respiratory Disorders

Title: Asthma Foundation, New Zealand
Link: www.asthmafoundation.org.nz
Description: Asthma Foundation, New Zealand Homepage.

Title: Asthma Australia
Link: http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au
Description: Asthma Australia homepage. Asthma Australia provides information, education, training, advocacy and promotes research.

Title: The Australian Lung Foundation
Link: http://www.copdx.org.au/
Description: Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for the management and prevention of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Title: Lung Institute of Western Australia
Link: http://www.liwa.uwa.edu.au/
Description: A leading research organisation dedicated to fighting diseases such as asthma, chronic bronchitis & emphysema (COPD), bronchiectasis, lung cancer and pneumonia.

Section 8: Agents Used to Treat Gastrointestinal Disorders

Title: NHMRC
Link: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/publications/n29-n30-n31-n32-n33-n34
Description: Dietary Guidelines for all Australians, NHMRC.

Title: Health InfoNet > NHMRC
Link: http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/promotion-resources?lid=15154
Description: (2005) Food for Health: Dietary Guidelines for Australians.
Title: Nutrition Australia
Link: http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/resource/healthy-living-pyramid
Description: The Healthy Living Pyramid.

Title: Ministry of Health NZ – Food and Nutrition Guidelines
Description: This website provides links to a series of six population-specific food and nutrition guidelines background papers. These documents are an important tool for health professionals in New Zealand who provide nutrition advice as part of their daily work. Each guideline background paper has an accompanying health education resource for the general public.

Title: Crohn’s and Colitis Australia
Link: http://www.acca.net.au/
Description: Helping people with inflammatory bowel disorders.

Title: Centre for Digestive Diseases
Description: A hospital that specialises in digestive disorders. This site has a lot of information about digestive disorders.

**Section 9: Agents Used to Correct Endocrine Imbalance**

Title: ABC Health & Wellbeing
Link: http://www.abc.net.au/health/library/stories/2005/06/16/1831822.htm
Description: ABC Health & Wellbeing (2011), Thyroid disorders.

Title: Management Guidelines of Type 2 Diabetes in New Zealand
Description: 2012 Management Guidelines of Type 2 Diabetes along with other conditions such as cardiovascular disease in New Zealand.

Title: Management of diabetes in Australia
Description: Management of diabetes in Australia.

Title: Diabetes Australia
Link: www.diabetesaustralia.com.au
Description: Diabetes Australia.
Section 10: Agents Affecting the Reproductive System

Title: Women's Health Australia
Link: http://www.alswh.org.au/
Description: A longitudinal study that has been examining the health and wellbeing of Australian women since 1996, including reproductive health.

Title: Women's health & family services (WA)
Link: http://www.whfs.org.au/
Description: The programs and services at WHFS are open to all West Australian women and their families, with consideration made for the unique needs of Aboriginal, migrant and refugee families.

Section 11: Agents Affecting Immunity

Title: National Immunisation Program Schedule, Australia
Description: National Immunisation Program Schedule, Australia.
Section 12: Agents Used to Treat Eye, Ear and Skin Disorders

Title: Wolters Kluwer Health, Facts & Comparisons
Link: http://www.factsandcomparisons.com/
Description: Facts and Comparisons.

Title: The Australasian College of Dermatologists
Description: Explanations and treatments for many skin disorders.

Title: Skin and Cancer Foundation Australia
Link: http://www.scfa.edu.au/
Description: The Skin & Cancer Foundation Australia is a private, not-for-profit benevolent organisation dedicated to benefiting those who suffer from diseases of the skin.

Title: All About Vision (US)
Link: http://www.allaboutvision.com/conditions/
Description: An American site with information about various eye conditions.