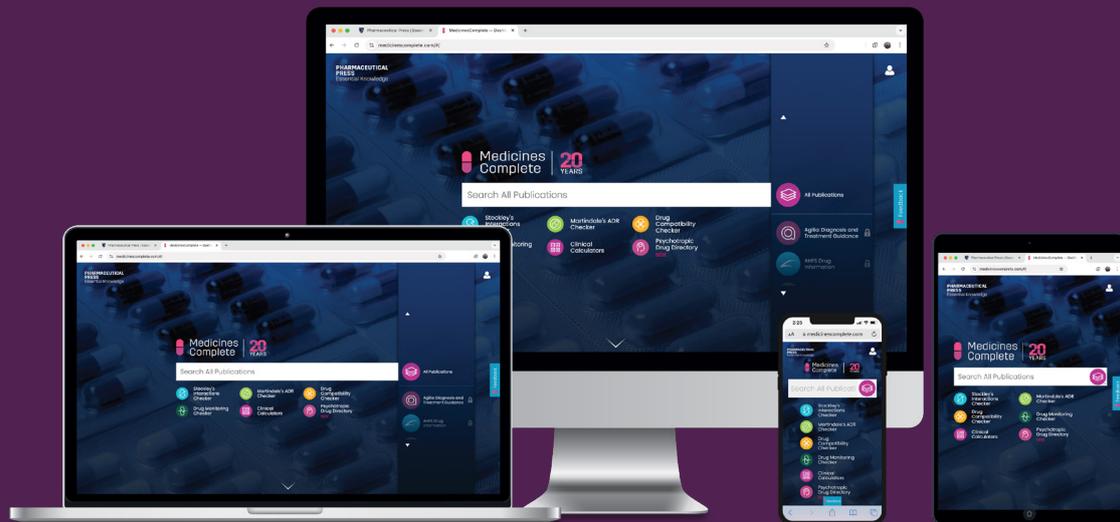




MedicinesComplete user guide for social workers



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Quick and easy access to drug interactions



Stockley's Interactions Checker

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In your role supporting individuals across Wales, you'll often encounter people managing multiple medications. Understanding when to flag potential medication issues to a specialist is crucial for their well-being. Stockley's Interactions Checker can be a valuable guide, helping you identify situations where you should urgently consult with a health professional.

What is Stockley's Interactions Checker?

Stockley's Interactions Checker provides health professionals with a quick way to check for potential interactions in a clinical setting. In essence Stockley's Interactions Checker summarises drug-drug, drug-herb, and drug-food interactions in a few short lines to give a quick reference as to whether drugs can be safely taken together.

How do I check for drug interactions?

Enter the name of the first interactant in the MedicinesComplete search bar, or start typing and select from the auto-suggest list. This step can be repeated depending on the number of interactants you wish to search. You are able to enter an unlimited number of interactants.

Interactants can be removed from the search list by clicking on the 'X' button.

Click on the 'Search' button to carry out the search. The results are displayed below your search terms, and are listed in order of severity.

To start a new search, click on 'Clear terms'.

Above the search bar there is a toggle to check for lifestyle interactions between drugs, foods, drinks, and smoking.

What do the results mean?

Stockley's Interaction Checker is a collection of messages about the potential for interactions between specific pairs of drugs or drugs and other substances. Each message comprises of a two-part interaction message: the first part gives a description of the interaction, while the second part gives guidance on the management of the interaction.



The message includes an indication of the relevant route of administration for each interacting combination. Links to the corresponding monographs in Stockley's Drug Interactions provide access to detailed and fully referenced discussions of each interaction.

Action symbol

Each message has been assigned an action symbol to offer guidance to the user on the clinical significance of the interaction. The messages are rated using three separate categories, the combination of which determines the symbol:



A life-threatening or contraindicated combination



Give guidance about possible adverse effects and/or consider some monitoring



Dosage adjustment or close monitoring is needed



No interaction, or no interaction of clinical significance

Ratings

- Action: This describes whether or not any action needs to be taken to accommodate the interaction. This category ranges from 'avoid' to 'no action needed'.
- Severity: This describes the likely effect of an unmanaged interaction on the patient. This category ranges from 'severe' to 'nothing expected'.
- Evidence: This describes the weight of evidence behind the interaction. This category ranges from 'extensive' to 'theoretical'.

How do I get further information?

For further information on clinical evidence, mechanism, and importance and management, click the link to Stockley's Drug Interactions.



IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Please remember that Stockley's Interactions Checker is intended for use by health professionals. It should not be used to independently alter medications, provide clinical advice, or replace direct consultation with a qualified medical professional. Always refer individuals to their GP, pharmacist, or other relevant health professional for clinical guidance and medication management.

When to seek further advice?

Stockley's Interactions Checker is designed for health professionals and advice should only be given to patients by those suitably trained to do so.

Drug interactions do not always occur in every case and the decision to prescribe a particular combination of drugs/medicines should always take into account the risk, benefit, and individual patient circumstances.

Where an interaction exists, and you are unsure whether it has already been considered, seek the advice of a doctor, pharmacist or suitably qualified health professional.

Patients should not be advised to stop or adjust their medications without first consulting with the above.



Stockley's Interactions Checker

With more than 118,000 drug interaction messages, Stockley's Interactions Checker supports health professionals safely manage the selection of drugs at the point of care.

Access this essential knowledge today

MedicinesComplete makes it easy for health professionals to access essential medicines information at the point of care. Providing trusted evidence-based knowledge for confident decision-making and effective patient care.

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