



MedicinesComplete User Guide

Introduction to Search

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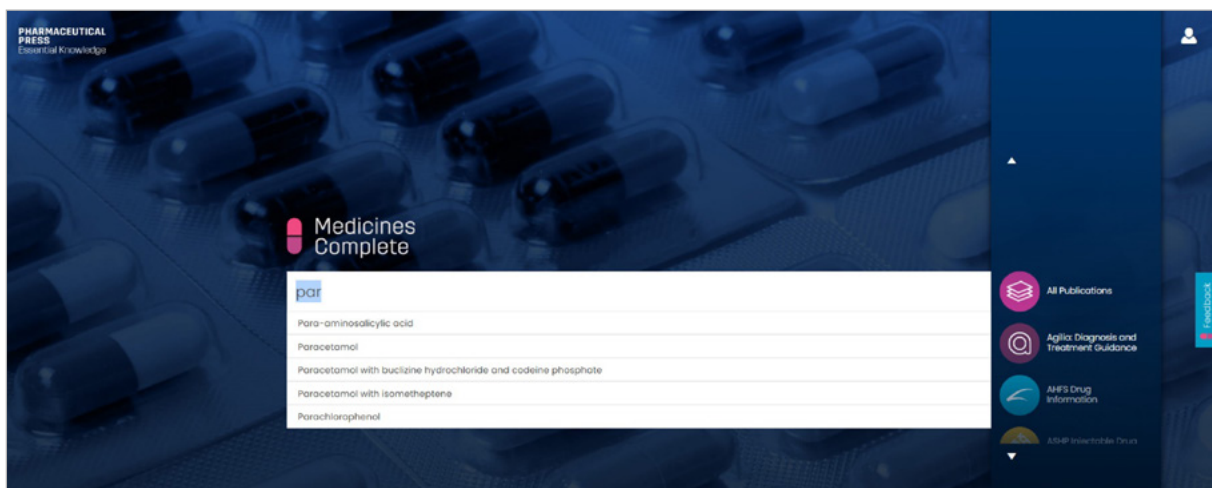


Learn how to perform a basic search

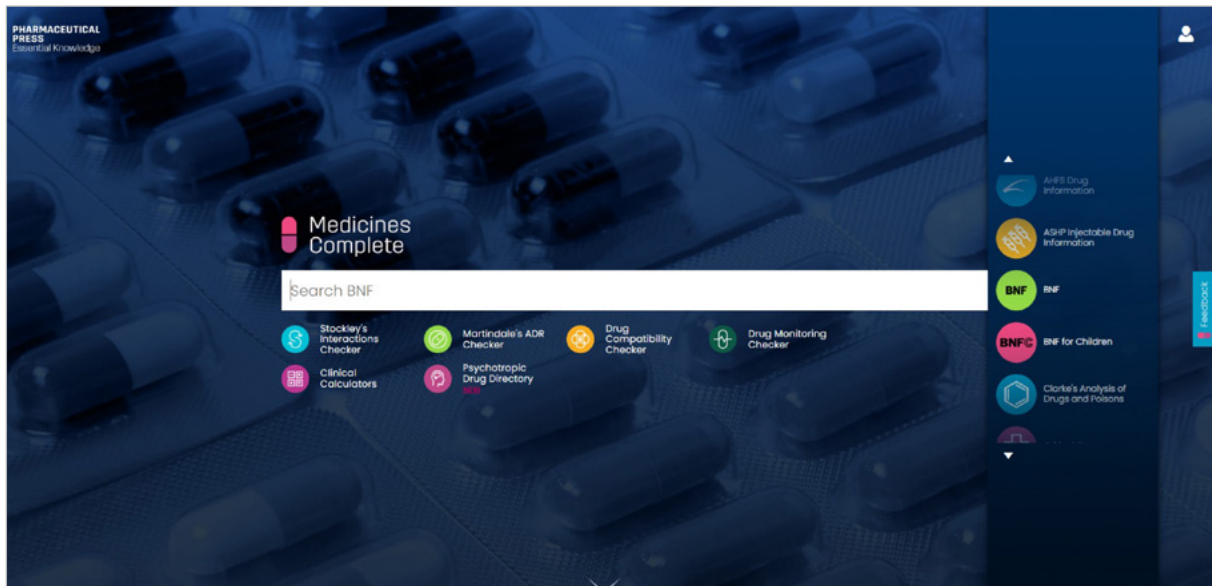
- You can find the search bar on the homepage and in the header of every page across the site.



- Begin typing your query. The system features an auto-complete function that will suggest relevant terms after you type the first three letters.



- You can choose to search across all available publications or restrict your search to a specific resource (such as the British National Formulary or Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference) using the menu next to the search bar.



- Press Enter to execute your search. Search results are automatically sorted to display the most relevant matches first.



Refining and filtering results

- Use the panel on the left side of the results page to filter findings by specific publications or by content type, such as drug monographs, treatment summaries, or interactions.

The screenshot shows the Medicines Complete search interface. At the top, there is a search bar containing 'Paracetamol' and a 'Medicines Complete' logo. Below the search bar, the results are titled 'Search results for Paracetamol'. A filter panel on the left allows users to refine results by publication type, such as BNF (453 Results), All Publications (14581 Results), and BNF for Children (406 Results). The main results area displays a list of items, including 'Paracetamol Drug', 'Paracetamol with buclizine hydrochloride and codeine phosphate Drug', and various combination products like 'Dihydrocodeine with paracetamol' and 'Tramadol with paracetamol'.

- Once you click on a specific result to view the content page, use the 'Highlight search' toggle to instantly identify all instances of your search term within the text.

The screenshot shows the BNF page for Paracetamol (Acetaminophen). The page features a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Subsections' and 'Related Content'. The main content area displays the title 'Paracetamol (Acetaminophen)' and the 'Indications and dose' section. The 'Indications and dose' section includes information such as 'Mild to moderate pain', 'Pyrexia', and 'By mouth'. The 'Adult' dosage is listed as '0.5-1 g, every 4-6 hours; maximum 4 g per day'. There are also toggle switches for 'Highlight search' and 'Evidence grading' at the top right of the page.



Advanced searching techniques

- To use the wildcard search, you can use an asterisk * at the end of a root word to find all variations. For example, searching for 'Pregnan*' will yield results for 'Pregnant', 'Pregnancy', and 'Pregnane'.

The screenshot shows the Medicines Complete search interface. The search bar contains 'pregnan*'. The results page is titled 'Search results for *pregnan**' and shows 'Results 1 - 20 of 64, sorted with best match first'. A filter sidebar on the left includes categories like 'All Publications' (64 Results), 'Aglio: Diagnosis and Treatment Guidance' (7 Results), 'AHFS Drug Information' (5 Results), 'ASHP Injectable Drug Information' (0 Results), 'BNF' (0 Results), 'BNF for Children' (0 Results), and 'Clarke's Analysis of Drugs and Poisons' (1 Result). The main results list includes:

- Nafcillin Sodium**: Drug, Pediatric Injectable Drugs
- Rifampicin**: Drug, Palliative Care Formulary
- Rifaximin**: Antibiotic, Kucers' the Use of Antibiotics
- Abbreviations**: Kucers' the Use of Antibiotics
- Alfadolone**: Substance, Clarke's Analysis of Drugs and Poisons
- Rilpivirine**: Antiviral, Kucers' the Use of Antibiotics

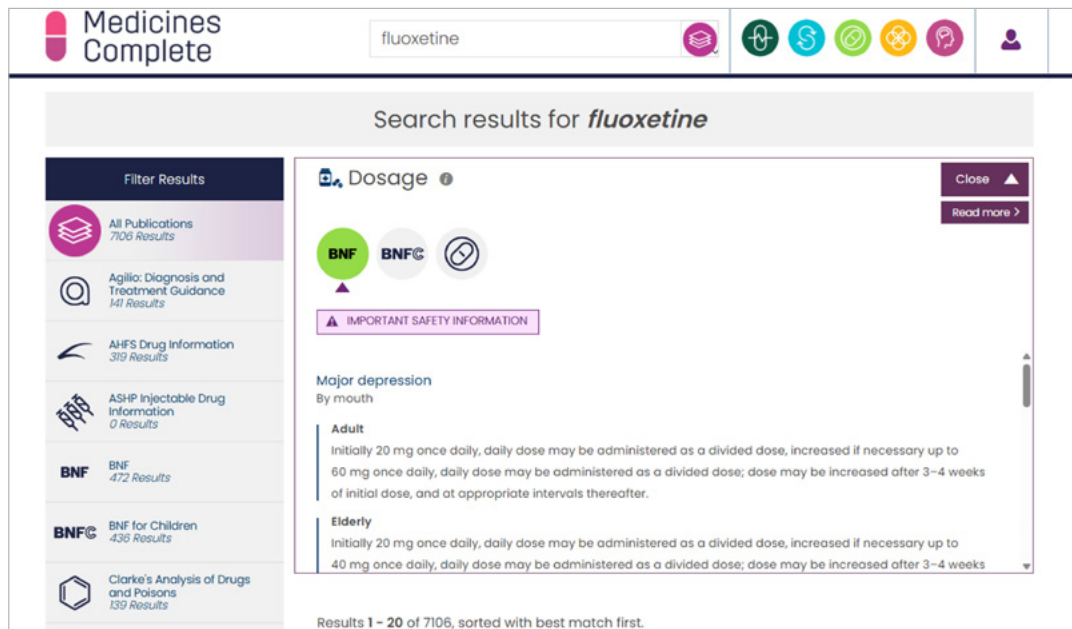
- You are able to use chemical formulae in search. The platform recognises chemical nomenclature. Searching for 'KCl' will accurately return results for 'Potassium chloride'.

The screenshot shows the Medicines Complete search interface. The search bar contains 'KCl'. The results page is titled 'Search results for *KCl*' and shows 'Results 1 - 20 of 17082, sorted with best match first. 'KCl' is associated with 'Potassium Chloride'. A filter sidebar on the left includes categories like 'All Publications' (17082 Results), 'Aglio: Diagnosis and Treatment Guidance' (134 Results), 'AHFS Drug Information' (596 Results), 'ASHP Injectable Drug Information' (224 Results), 'BNF' (943 Results), 'BNF for Children' (689 Results), and 'Clarke's Analysis of Drugs and Poisons' (580 Results). The main results list includes:

- Disodium hydrogen citrate with glucose, potassium chloride and sodium chloride**: Drug, BNF for Children
- Disodium hydrogen citrate with glucose, potassium chloride and sodium chloride**: Drug, BNF
- Potassium Chloride**: Drug, Pediatric Injectable Drugs
- Potassium chloride with rice powder, sodium chloride and sodium citrate**: Drug, BNF
- Potassium chloride with rice powder, sodium chloride and sodium citrate**: Drug, BNF for Children
- Macrogol 3350 with anhydrous sodium sulfate, ascorbic acid, potassium chloride, sodium ascorbate and sodium chloride**: Drug, BNF

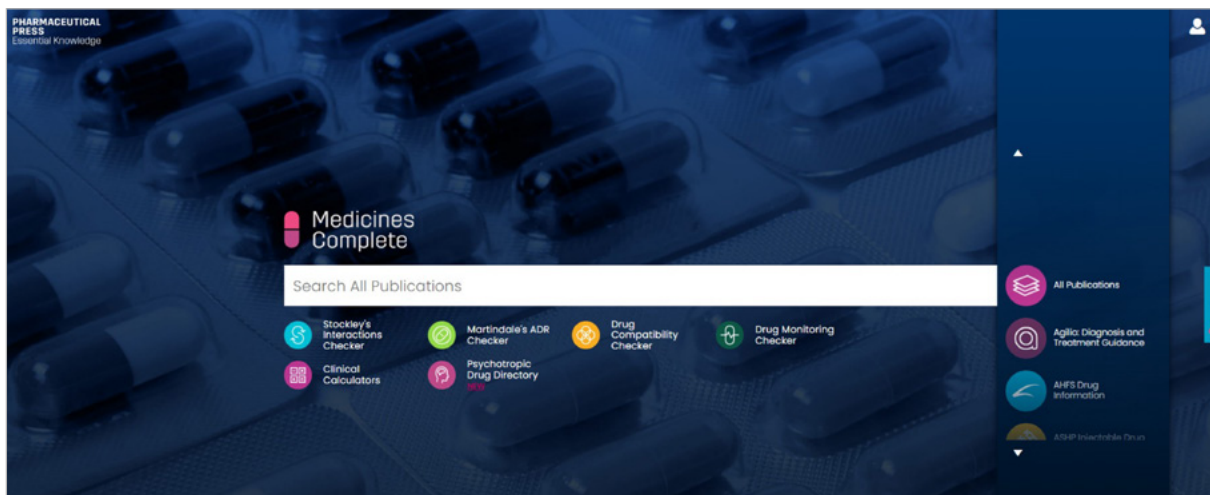


- You can also use quick dosage cards. When searching for specific drugs, a dosage card summarising information from the BNF, BNF for Children, or Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference will often appear at the very top of the results for rapid reference.



Point of need tools

- Tools such as Stockley's Interactions Checker and Martindale's ADR Checker can be accessed directly via the icons located to the right of the main search bar.





- When using the Interactions Checker, type the names of the drugs, foods, or lifestyle factors into the search bar. The tool will generate a list of potential interactions ordered by clinical severity.

The screenshot shows the MedicinesComplete website interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "Search Stockley's Drug Interactions" with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, there are several icons representing different categories: a green circle with a plus sign, a blue circle with a dollar sign, a green circle with a leaf, a yellow circle with a gear, and a purple circle with a person. A user profile icon is also visible. Below the search bar, there are two tabs: "Drug interactions" (selected) and "Food, drink and smoking interactions". The search bar contains the text "alcohol x paracetamol x" and a "Clear terms" button. A blue "Search" button is below the search bar. Below the search bar, there is a section titled "You might also be interested in..." with a "Broader / Narrower Terms" button. Below this, it says "1 result for: alcohol - paracetamol". On the left side, there is a "Filter by warnings" section with a question mark icon and the text "Give guidance about possible adverse effects and/or consider some monitoring / Results". The main result is a table with columns for "alcohol", "paracetamol", "Explanation:", and "Action:". The "alcohol" column has "systemic" below it. The "paracetamol" column has "systemic" below it. The "Explanation:" column contains the text: "Severe liver damage, fatal in some instances, can occur in some alcoholics and persistent heavy drinkers who take only moderate doses of paracetamol. Occasional and moderate drinkers do not seem to be at risk." The "Action:" column contains the text: "No action needed for most patients. It might be prudent to monitor alcoholics who use high doses of paracetamol long-term." Below the table, there is a "Severity:" label with a red "Severe" tag, an "Action: Information" label, an "Evidence: Study" label with a blue circle icon, and a green circle icon with a dollar sign and the text "For full information, see Stockley's Drug Interactions".



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