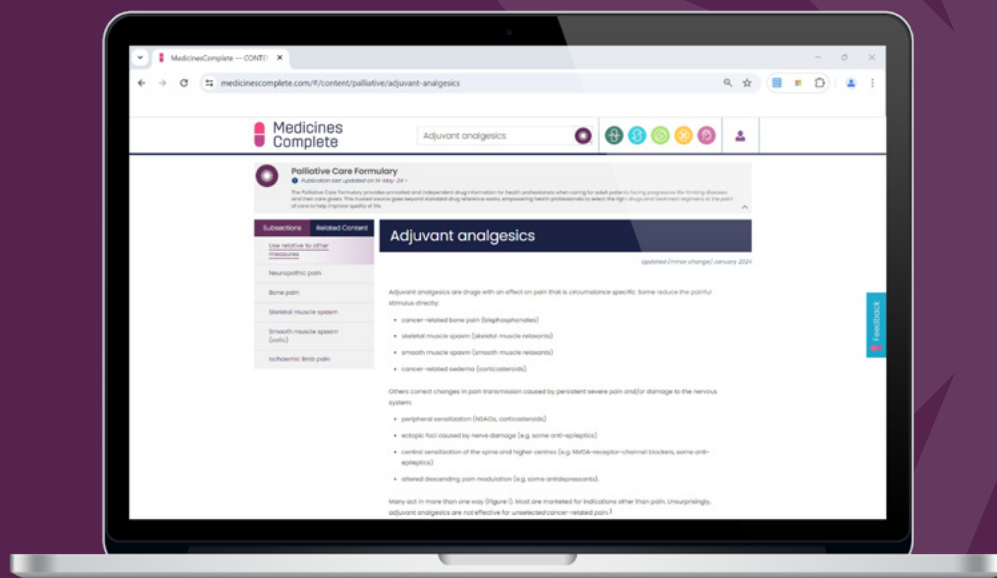




MedicinesComplete User Guide

Palliative Care Formulary



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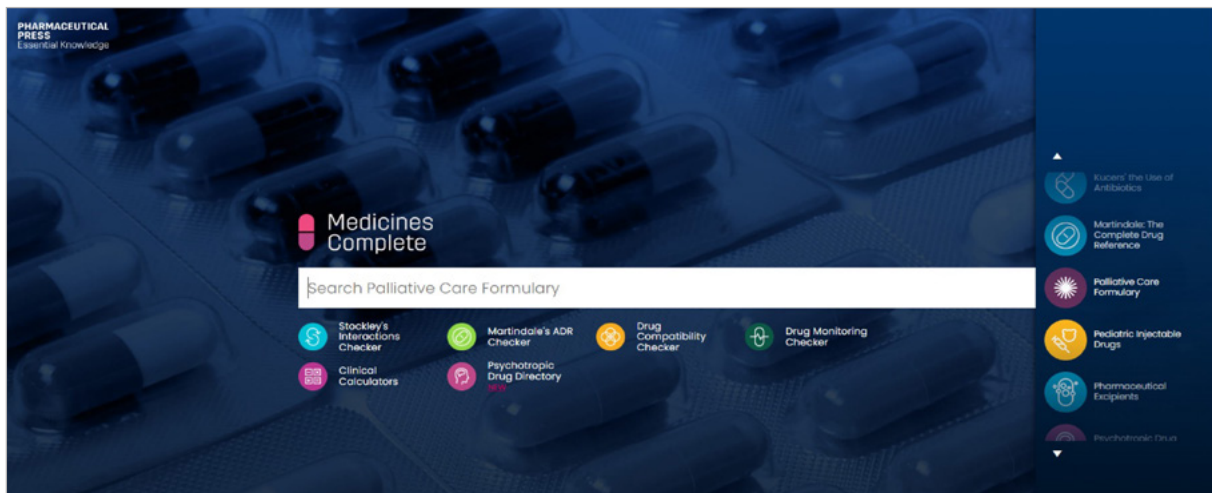
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Overview and Access

- **Palliative Care Formulary (PCF)** supports health professionals with practical, evidence-based advice regarding symptom control and drug use at the end of life. It is designed to assist palliative care specialists, GPs, nurses, and pharmacists in making confident clinical decisions.
- Now a digital-only resource on MedicinesComplete, **PCF** benefits from regular monthly updates, ensuring immediate access to the latest guidance without waiting for print editions.
- You can access the resource from the MedicinesComplete homepage, where you can search across all subscribed resources or use the left-hand pane to filter specifically by **Palliative Care Formulary**.



Navigating monographs

- PCF features over 142 drug monographs, alongside selected drug class monographs. The information is presented to you in a standardised format covering indications, pharmacology, side effects, and dosing.
- Monographs also include advice on off-label indications and routes of administration.
- You can use the navigation panel to jump directly to the specific section you need.
- You will find that all content is fully referenced and provides direct links to primary literature to support further research.



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The 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. This trusted source goes beyond standard drug reference works, empowering health professionals to select the right drugs and treatment regimens at the point of care to help improve quality of life.

Antacids and antiflatulents
Updated September 2024

Indications
Occasional dyspepsia and/or acid reflux, gassy dyspepsia, †hiccup (if associated with gastric distension).
Note. **PPIs** are generally used when continuous gastric acid reduction is indicated.¹

Contra-indications:
Hypophosphataemia.

Pharmacology
Antacids generally contain one or more of the following, which neutralize gastric acid:
• magnesium salts

Clinical topics and guidance

- If you are looking to go beyond drug monographs, PCF includes clinical topics and symptom management sections that discuss the use of drugs alongside practical management strategies.

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Dose and use
Generally, antacids should be taken PO p.r.n. after meals and at bedtime. The dose of liquid formulations is generally 10mL. If symptoms persist and/or regular use is required, consider a **PPI** and testing for *Helicobacter pylori*.¹

†Hiccup associated with gastric distension
For **peppermint oil**:
• one to two capsules PO p.r.n. up to t.d.s.; do not chew or open the capsules because the oil is irritant

For **simeticone**:
• start with 100mg PO p.r.n. or after meals and at bedtime
• maximum daily dose 800mg/24h.

Supply
Note. Low Na⁺ is defined as <1mmol/tablet or 10mL dose.
Magnesium trisilicate mixture BP (generic)
Oral suspension (magnesium trisilicate 250mg, magnesium carbonate 250mg and sodium bicarbonate 250mg/5mL), 28 days @ 10mL t.d.s. & at bedtime = £11.50; peppermint flavour, 6mmol Na⁺/10mL.



- You can access background and summary information on specific subjects, such as prescribing in renal impairment.

The screenshot shows the 'Medicines Complete' website interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled 'Search Palliative Care Formulary' and a navigation menu with icons for various services. The main content area features a header for 'Palliative Care Formulary' with a sub-header 'Publication last updated on 10-Mar-26'. Below this is a 'General Topics' section containing a grid of links to various articles, including 'Renal impairment', 'Hepatic impairment', 'Drug-induced movement disorders', and 'Management of postoperative pain in opioid-dependent patients'.

- Find practical advice for administering medicines to patients who cannot swallow or those requiring continuous subcutaneous syringe drivers.

This screenshot shows the same 'Medicines Complete' website interface, but with the 'Routes of Administration' section expanded. The 'General Topics' grid is replaced by a list of links for 'Drug administration to patients with swallowing difficulties or enteral feeding tubes', 'Continuous subcutaneous drug infusions', 'Transdermal patches', 'Nebulized drugs', and 'Spinal analgesia'.

Using Drug Compatibility Checker

- A subscription to the **PCF** includes access to the syringe driver clinical practice reports within the **Drug Compatibility Checker**. This unique database displays both published data and clinical practice reports to assist you in evidence-based decision-making regarding the compatibility of drugs given by continuous subcutaneous infusion over 24 hours.
- You can search for up to six drugs combined in a single syringe, with results initially present a high-level summary for quick guidance, followed by expanded, fully referenced results detailing relevance to palliative care.



- Clinical practice reports describe the visual appearance of drug combinations, based on diluent, concentrations, and user observations submitted by professionals in hospice and palliative care.

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Essential compatibility knowledge to support the administration of injectable drugs combining published data and clinical practice reports.

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Which compatibility type are you using?

Syringe Y-Site Additive Solution

> Compatibility types explained



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