Specialty Tertiary Drug Information Resources

Key to emphasized points:

Underlined, non-italicized, red font = distinctive characteristics that will probably be covered on exams and quizzes

*Underlined, italicized, black font = format information and other information that may also be covered on exams*.

None of the resources listed below is limited to FDA-approved uses. In other words, all may include off-label uses.

| Resource Title Print/Online | Type of question(s) most often answered by this text | Organization of text/Availability of Index | Advantages | Limitations |
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| Drugs in Pregnancy and Lactation (Briggs')  *online*  *available via UpToDate LexiDrug*  *and*  *Print version available in the Library*  QV 4 854d | -Recommendations regarding use of medications in pregnant or lactating women | -Organized alphabetically by generic name  -Index also provided | -Well referenced, well researched  -Provides recommendation for use in both pregnancy and breastfeeding  -Provides American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation when available  -Provides animal data in cases where data in humans is lacking | -Although the latest edition contains over 1180 monographs, not all drugs available in the U.S. are included  -Little information available regarding herbal products or nutritional supplements |
| Geriatric LexiDrugs  *Online only*  *available via UpToDate LexiDrug* | - Same type of information as Drug Information Handbook but with a geriatric focus |  | -Useful appendices  -Monographs fairly succinct |  |
| IV compatibility reports in Clinical Pharmacology and in UpToDate  =  ASHP® Injectable Drug Information : a comprehensive guide to compatibility and stability (print)  =  Trissel’s (print)  *available online as the basis for the IV compatibility reports in Clinical Pharmacology and in UpToDate LexiDrug*  *and*  *Print available in the Library*  QV 786 T837h | -Compatibility of IV and injectable medications | -Alphabetically by generic name  -Index also provided in the printed version | -Information provided in tables and charts  -Well referenced  -Updated regularly | -Must understand how to appropriately interpret charts - especially in printed version.  --Online custom compatibility reports in CP and UpToDate LexiDrug are based on the same data and are much easier to read than the print version of Trissel’s |
| Johns Hopkins ABX Guide  (abx is an abbreviation for antibiotics)  *Online only*  on-campus only, may work on your tablet computers  an image shows the “John Hopkins ABX Guide” button that must be clicked  after going to the resource’s homepage. | -Recommendations for best choice of therapy for different infections  -Dosing for different ages and clinical conditions (kidney or liver failure) |  | Easy to use | not available off-campus |
| Natural Medicine Comprehensive Database  *Online only*  Nebr. Med. (hospital) has a license to online form. | -Summary of information available for various dietary supplements and herbal agents, alternative therapies  -Common supplement/herbal names  -Common uses  -Dosage/administration  -Safety  -Effectiveness  -Likely mechanism of action  -Adverse reactions  -Interactions of herbals/supplements/etc. with drugs  -Commercially available products, including those that are USP verified |  | -Extensive editorial and review panel  -Well researched, well referenced  -Updated regularly |  |
| NEOFAX  *Online only*  Nebraska Medicine has a license | -Information specific to neonatal patients including premature neonates  GOLD STANDARD REFERENCE for NEWBORNS, especially PREMATURE babies  -Dosing  -Administration  -Monitoring  -Adverse effects/precautions  -Special considerations for neonates  -IV compatibility | -Organized by major pharmacologic category  - | -Helpful appendices (recommended concentrations for administration, conversion tables)  -Information about infant formulas included |  |
| Pediatric & Neonatal LexiDrugs (online)  =  Pediatric & Neonatal Dosage Handbook (print)  *Online*  *and*  *Print version* available in the Library  QV 735 P371g | -Same types of info as Drug Information Handbook , but with pediatric & neonatal focus  Not as good for premature neonates as NEOFAX | -Organized alphabetically by generic name  -Index also provided, organized by pharmacologic category | -Some extemporaneous compounding formulas for non-commercially available formulations provided  -Useful appendices  -Portable, inexpensive  -Monographs fairly succinct | -in-text citations only included in the online version |

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