

Guidelines on practice-specific issues – Guideline 1 (List of reference texts for pharmacists)

1 Reference texts for pharmacists

The following is the list of reference texts for pharmacists referred to in Guideline 1 of the Board's *Guidelines on practice-specific issues*.

Current editions of the following references in the form of a published document (hard copy) or via electronic means, such as computer, must be readily accessible and should be accessed by pharmacists during the clinical assessment, reviewing, dispensing and counselling processes:

- a) **the Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary and Handbook (APF)**
- b) **the Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)**
- c) **Therapeutic Guidelines series (the complete set in hardcopy) or eTG**
- d) **a source of current Australian product information and consumer medicine information**
 - MIMS Annual with MIMS Abbreviated
 - e-MIMS
 - MIMS Online, or
 - AusDI Advanced/AusDI.
- e) **a drug interactions reference (updated at least quarterly)**
 - AusDI Advanced/AusDI
 - Drug Interaction Facts – Facts and Comparisons
 - eMIMS
 - MIMS Online
 - Micromedex
 - Stockley's Drug Interactions Online, or
 - Lexicomp Interactions.
- f) **the AMH Children's Dosing Companion**
- g) **the Australian Don't Rush to Crush Handbook**
- h) **an evidence-based reference work on complementary and alternative medicines**
 - Herbs and Natural Supplements: An evidence-based guide. Braun and Cohen

- Herbal Medicines. Barnes, Anderson and Phillipson
- Herbal Medicines and Dietary Supplements package (each resource can be independently accessed through MedicinesComplete)
- MedlinePlus: Drugs, Supplements, and Herbal Information (available free online)
- Natural & Alternative Treatments: EBSCO, or
- Natural Medicines (formerly *Natural Standard* and *Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database*).

i) copies of the legislation controlling the practice of pharmacy:

- the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law)
- Drugs, medicines and poisons legislation
- Standards, codes and guidelines relevant to pharmacy practice for each jurisdiction (including information published by relevant government departments and jurisdictional pharmacy premises registering authorities)
- Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

j) the Australian Immunisation Handbook

k) the professional practice standards and guidelines published by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) and The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA)

l) the Pharmacy Board of Australia guidelines

m) the Merck Manual (Professional Version)

(Merck Sharp and Dohme).

(Note: *Unrestricted access to references i) – m) is available from relevant websites*).

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These guidelines will be reviewed at least every five years.

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