

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

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### 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*.

*\*Minor amendments were made to the titles of references on 15 March 2023 and 18 August 2023 to reflect currently available versions of reference texts. Refer to Appendix A for a table of changes.*

**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 [digital]
- d) a source of current Australian product information and consumer medicine information

- AusDI, or
- A MIMS product\* that provides a complete list of current Australian product information and consumer medicine information.

*\*Note: MIMS Integrated is integrated into dispensing software and to be an acceptable reference to meet this section of the guideline, the software must include product information and consumer medicine information updates*

- e) a drug interactions reference (updated at least quarterly)

- AusDI
- Drug Interaction Facts – Facts and Comparisons
- A MIMS product\* that provides access to the full drug interactions database provided by MIMS
- Micromedex
- Stockley's Drug Interactions Online, or
- Lexicomp Interactions.

*\*Note: MIMS Integrated is integrated into dispensing software to be an acceptable reference to meet this section of the guideline, the software must include routine drug interaction updates.*

- 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, Herbs and Supplements (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 MSD 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.

From 7 December 2015, these guidelines replace the Pharmacy Board of Australia *Guidelines on practice-specific issues – Guideline 1 (List of References)* published 12 August 2010. Guidelines on practice-specific issues – Guideline 1(List of reference text for pharmacists)/September 2015

## Appendix A

The table below lists the minor amendments made to the titles on 15 March 2023 to reflect currently available versions of reference texts.

Previous title	Amendment
Therapeutic Guidelines series (the complete set in hardcopy) or eTG	Therapeutic Guidelines [digital]
AusDI Advanced/AusDI	AusDI
MedlinePlus: Drugs, Supplements, and Herbal Information	MedlinePlus: Drugs, Herbs and Supplements
the Merck Manual (Professional Version)	the MSD Manual (Professional Version)

The table below lists the minor amendments made on 18 August 2023 to reflect currently available versions of reference texts.

Previous title	Amendment
eMIMS	A MIMS product that provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a complete list of current Australian product information and consumer medicine information</li></ul> Or <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>access to the full drug interactions database provided by MIMS</li></ul>
MIMS online	
MIMS Annual with MIMS Abbreviated	