About the British National Formulary (BNF)

This essential reference provides you with up-to-date guidance on prescribing, dispensing, and administering medicines. It is continually updated to reflect the latest evidence from credible sources worldwide.

The BNF evaluates clinical evidence from diverse sources, and uses a network of clinical experts to validate information. It reflects current best practice, and includes legal and professional guidelines relating to the uses of medicines. It is published under the authority of a Joint Formulary Committee.

Improved format, easier access

To make it even easier to find the information you need, in November 2015 the online content in the BNF was completely restructured, following the restructure of the print edition. You’ll find improved consistency, more clarity and purpose-designed online content.

Improvements include:

- A drug-centric and treatment-centric structure – delivering swifter searches and one drug result
- New left-hand floating navigation panel – helping you jump to any section you want on a monograph
- New DOIs (digital object identifiers) – making it easier to reference any monograph, and helping to banish broken links to the content
- Refreshed font and page layout – making the text clearer and easier to read

How the BNF will help you

- Helps you select safe and effective medicines for your individual patients, quickly and effectively
- Points you to the choice of medicines for a given condition and the clinical properties of specific medicines
- Reflects emerging safety concerns, as well as changes in product availability and shifts in clinical practice

Key coverage includes:

- Guidance on the drug management of common conditions
- Details of medicines with special reference to their uses, cautions, contra-indications, side effects, doses, and relative costs
- Guidance on prescribing, monitoring, dispensing, and administering medicine

The BNF covers medicines prescribed in the UK, and clearly identifies those considered less suitable for prescribing. It includes little or no information on medicines promoted for purchase by the public.

Updates

The content is revalidated, revised, and updated on a monthly basis, making sure you access only the very latest prescribing knowledge.

Who should use this resource?

- Doctors and other prescribers
- Pharmacists
- Nurses
- Other healthcare professionals
- Dentists
- Students training to join the healthcare professions

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