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AMERICAN HOSPITAL FORMULARY SERVICE AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH MEDICINESCOMPLETE

Increased content on the drug information subscription service from Pharmaceutical Press

Pharmaceutical Press has announced the addition of American Hospital Formulary (AHFS) to *MedicinesComplete*. *MedicinesComplete* brings together some of the world's leading drug and healthcare references on one integrated platform.

AHFS Drug Information (AHFS-DI) is one of the most comprehensive sources of unbiased and authoritative drug information available to health professionals today. It features reliable, evidence-based data on more than 50,000 drug products. A wholly independent staff of drug information pharmacists and other professional editorial and analytical staff thoroughly research AHFS content. The monographs include tens of thousands of references, including clinical research findings, therapeutic guidelines, and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved labeling. The U.S. Congress and various health care insurance providers have recognized the authority of *AHFS DI* as a source of information on the medically accepted uses of drugs.

AHFS DI® went live on *MedicinesComplete* on 8 May 2006.

Charles Fry, Managing Director of RPS Publishing, said: "RPS Publishing is delighted to be working with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists to include AHFS within *MedicinesComplete*. *AHFS DI*® is an ideal companion publication to major reference works such as *Martindale* and *Stockley's Drug Interactions* and adds to the international appeal of our online subscription service. We welcome the opportunity to offer AHFS to a wider audience via *MedicinesComplete*."

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Carol Wolfe, Vice President of ASHP's Publications and Drug Information System Office, said: "We are very pleased by this new collaboration between ASHP and RPSP to extend access to *AHFS Drug Information* to clinicians and researchers throughout the world. The MedicinesComplete collection, now complemented by *AHFS Drug Information*, provides excellent resources to all who are engaged in advancing evidence-based drug therapy."

MedicinesComplete is a comprehensive online resource allowing access to respected publications including: *AHFS Drug Information*, *Martindale: The complete drug reference*, the *British National Formulary*, *BNF for Children*, *Stockley's Drug Interactions*, *Herbal Medicines*, the *Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients*, *Dietary Supplements* and *Clarke's Analysis of Drugs and Poisons*.

MedicinesComplete offers access to evaluated drug information and up-to-date clinical information that meets the needs of pharmacists, clinicians, analytical chemists, physicians, nurses, researchers, librarians, pharmaceutical companies and information professionals.

Offering complete international coverage, *MedicinesComplete* contains over 100,000 references to worldwide original research, scientific papers, guidelines, meta-analyses, systematic reviews, reports and case studies.

Subscribers to *MedicinesComplete* can 'pick and mix' from a list of publications with one or more titles available with annual licenses for individuals, groups or organisations. For further information, please contact 020 7572 2464 or visit www.medicinescomplete.com.

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Notes to editors

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain is the regulatory and professional body for pharmacists in England, Scotland and Wales.

The primary objective of the Society is to lead, regulate and develop the pharmacy profession.

The Society has responsibility for a wide range of functions that combine to assure competence and fitness to practice.

These include controlled entry into the profession, education, registration, setting and enforcing professional standards, promoting good practice, providing support for improvement, dealing with poor performance, dealing with misconduct and removal from the register.

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In addition, the Society leads and supports the development of the profession in the public interest and promotes the profession's policies and views to a range of external stakeholders in a number of different forums.

RPS Publishing is the publishing organisation of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. Under the Pharmaceutical Press imprint, it produces high-quality books, learned journals and databases for pharmacists and other healthcare professionals. Its publications are internationally recognised as leaders in their field. RPS Publishing is also responsible for such highly respected publications as the *British National Formulary* (with the British Medical Journal Publishing Group) and the *Pharmaceutical Journal*.

AHFS/ASHP

Published by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), *AHFS DI* has been a widely respected source of drug information in hospitals for nearly 50 years. The compendium has a longstanding policy of editorial independence from the influence of pharmaceutical manufacturers, health insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other third parties. AHFS is available as a suite of products, including an Intranet/Internet deployable knowledge base (AHFSfirstWeb™), a version for personal digital assistants, and an online resource to be launched in late 2006. The AHFS database is included in the STAT!Ref electronic medical library and AHFS provides detailed drug information to complement the ePocrates drug reference guide in ePocrates Rx Online(TM) + AHFS® DI, an Internet-based formulary management product for hospitals. For more information about AHFS DI, visit www.ahfsdruginformation.com.

For more than 60 years, ASHP has helped pharmacists who practice in hospitals and health systems improve medication use and enhance patient safety. The Society's 30,000 members include pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who practice in inpatient, outpatient, home-care, and long-term-care settings, as well as pharmacy students. For more information about the wide array of ASHP activities and the many ways in which pharmacists help people make the best use of medicines, visit ASHP's Web site, www.ashp.org, or its consumer Web site, www.SafeMedication.com.