

# MedicinesComplete: an online library service for all health care professionals

In this article, **Peter Goacher** describes a new online information service for health care professionals and invites readers to a free trial

On 1 July, the Pharmaceutical Press (the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's publications division) launched MedicinesComplete, a new online service. This is an online library housing a range of pharmacy, pharmaceutical and health care databases and acting as a single source of unbiased, integrated reference works.

MedicinesComplete is designed to meet the needs of health care and pharmacy professionals who need fast, dependable access to evaluated drug information whether they are on a ward, in the pharmacy, in their office or at home. At the click of a mouse, a library, designed by professionals, can be searched. Moreover, frequent updates allow users to have the latest clinical information at their fingertips.

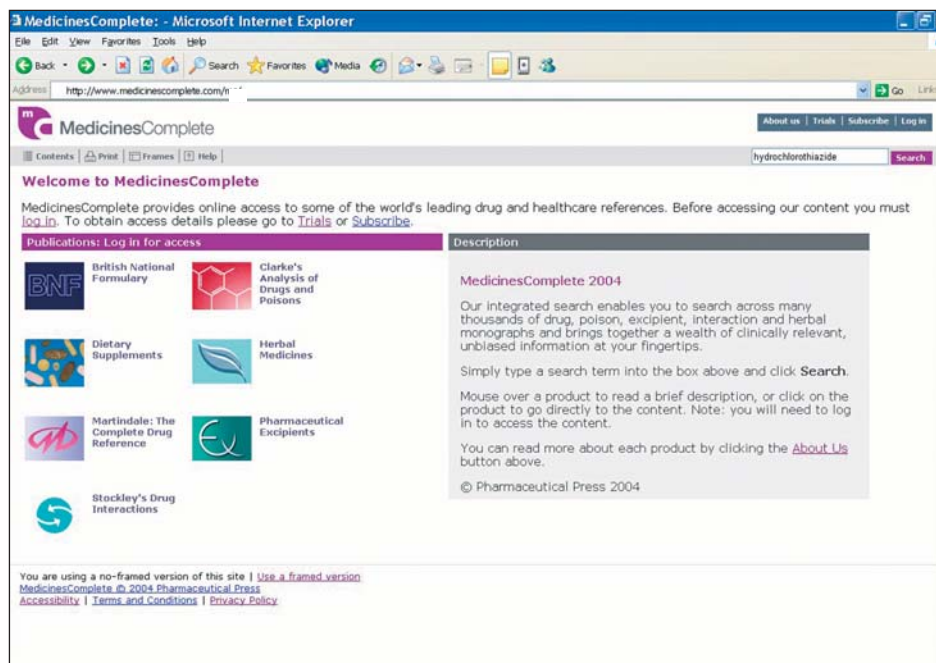
## What can you find in MedicinesComplete?

MedicinesComplete provides web access to some of the world's leading drug and health care reference works including Martindale, the British National Formulary, Stockley's Drug Interactions, Herbal Medicines, Pharmaceutical Excipients, Dietary Supplements and Clarke's Analysis of Drugs and Poisons. The service brings all these publications together on a common platform but subscribers can "pick and mix", choosing those that best suit their needs. One or more titles can be subscribed to with annual licences available for individuals, groups or organisations.

Other invaluable information available includes:

- Up-to-date guidance on disease treatments, disease management and therapeutics
- Vital data for quantifying drugs in biological and non-biological samples and formulating medicines
- Over 100,000 references to international research, scientific papers, guidelines, meta-analyses, systematic reviews, reports and case studies

**Search all publications simultaneously** These days we are all familiar with what makes a user-friendly website and the Pharmaceutical Press has worked hard to ensure that MedicinesComplete falls into this category. A special feature of the suite is the integrated search. This allows users to search across all publications simultaneously, extracting results



The MedicinesComplete home page: [www.medicinescomplete.com](http://www.medicinescomplete.com)

from thousands of drug, poison, excipient, interaction and herbal monographs. Instant results are first presented by best match, with the opportunity to enter specific databases to view the documents retrieved. Advanced search options are also available.

Those who are familiar with the print editions of publications, such as Martindale and Stockley, will immediately see the benefit of being able to locate information swiftly in more than just the one title. Different packages of MedicinesComplete publications will be promoted to a mixture of customers including the NHS and the retail and corporate sectors. Online training on how the service can be used to suit individual needs will eventually be available to all customers. For larger groups, on-site training can be arranged.

The addition of existing and new titles to the library, from both the Pharmaceutical Press and other publishers, is planned. The introduction of active links between publications will ensure that the busy pharmacist or drug information officer is able to make the best possible use of the resource as it grows. Discussions are under way with several publishers for the integration of their materials within the MedicinesComplete suite, adding value for both specific and wider areas of the health care profession.

will soon be recognised as the essential "one stop shop". In addition, there is scope for the integration of local information. Distribution partners in France, Italy, Germany and Scandinavia will be working with the Pharmaceutical Press UK and North American sales teams to promote MedicinesComplete to schools of pharmacy, hospitals, retail premises, prisons, pharmaceutical companies and other organisations.

**Try it for yourself** Information about each of the databases can be found on the MedicinesComplete home page. For those who would like to try MedicinesComplete for free, visit the site, click on "Trials" and register for an automatic 24-hour access period. Applications can be made online if you wish to extend your trial or would like to enable your organisation to evaluate the resource.

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**Global appeal** Having identified potential partners around the world, the Pharmaceutical Press anticipates that MedicinesComplete

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