

## Martindale Contents

Martindale provides unbiased evaluated information on drugs and medicines used throughout the world. It is a comprehensive source of information on drugs and other substances of interest to pharmacists and medical practitioners and includes human and veterinary drugs (including investigational drugs and herbals), diagnostic agents, nutritional agents, pharmaceutical excipients, drugs of abuse and recreational drugs, pesticides, and toxic substances.

Martindale is arranged in three main sections plus a set of comprehensive indexes:

- Volume A:
  - Chapters containing monographs on drugs and ancillary substances and disease treatment reviews
- Volume B:
  - Proprietary and non-proprietary preparations
  - Manufacturers' names and contact details

### Chapters

The information about drugs and diseases is arranged in 49 chapters which bring together drugs with similar uses or actions plus a supplementary list of miscellaneous drugs, herbals, and toxic substances. The electronic versions of Martindale include an archive of abbreviated monographs for substances that are no longer in use nor of general interest and which have been deleted from the printed edition. In addition digital users have access to a chapter entitled "Additional Substances of Medical Interest", which includes substances referred to in the WADA Prohibited list and which do not appear elsewhere in Martindale.

### Drug monographs

Monographs are divided into sections covering different aspects of the properties and actions of the substance. These would typically include Nomenclature, Adverse Effects, Treatment of Adverse Effects, Precautions, Interactions, Pharmacokinetics, and Uses and Administration (in that order). Each section usually starts with a summary of the relevant information for that section followed by referenced reviews and abstracts that expand on or add to this information. Lists of single and multi-ingredient proprietary and non-proprietary preparations are given at the end of each monograph and, in the electronic version, these are linked to the preparations records.

### Disease treatment reviews

Disease treatment reviews have become an established feature of Martindale in recent editions. Now numbering nearly 700 and covering diseases from Acne to Zollinger-Ellison syndrome they aim to provide a concise overview of clinical practice.

They are intended to provide the reader with some helpful context to the uses described in the drug monographs, giving a clearer idea of how valuable drug treatment is in general, and the relative contribution of particular drug entities. In addition, they provide a more succinct way to summarise disease-based treatment guidelines, recommendations, and comparative studies.

### Preparations

Martindale includes details of preparations from 41 countries or regions.

The information provided includes the proprietary name, manufacturer or distributor, country/region, active ingredients with cross-references to the drug monographs, and a summary of the indications as given by the manufacturer.

### **Directory of manufacturers**

The names of manufacturers and distributors are abbreviated in Martindale. The full names are listed alphabetically in the directory of manufacturers with the full address and the URL for the manufacturer's website, if available. In addition the telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address in each country (where available) are provided on some electronic versions.

### **Multilingual Pharmaceutical Terms**

This index lists the commoner pharmaceutical forms and routes in English and 12 major European languages. It is provided as an aid to the non-native speaker in interpreting packaging, product information, or prescriptions written in another language.

### **General index**

To make the fullest use of the contents of Martindale the general index should always be consulted. The exhaustive index includes entries for drugs (approved names, synonyms, and chemical names), preparations, pharmacological and therapeutic groups, and clinical uses (disease treatment reviews).

### **Cyrillic Index**

Both non proprietary and proprietary names in Russian may be found in Russian alphabetical order in this section.