



Stockley's Drug Interactions and the Stockley's Interactions Checker – a handy comparison

We've received some questions from MedicinesComplete users recently asking about the differences between *Stockley's Drug Interactions* and the *Stockley's Interactions Checker*, and why information contained in the *Checker* is not always found in *Stockley's Drug Interactions*. For all our Stockley's users, here are the answers:

What are the main differences between the products?

The Stockley's Interactions Checker provides healthcare professionals with a quick way to check for potential drug interactions. It gives a fast ready-reference as to whether drugs can safely be taken together, and provides brief advice on how to manage the interaction.

Stockley's Drug Interactions provides concise, accurate, and detailed clinically relevant information on individual and related drug interactions in the form of monographs. Each monograph covers clinical evidence, mechanism, importance and management. It is based on all available published sources and is fully referenced.

Why is it that sometimes, interactions information in the Checker does not appear in Stockley's Drug Interactions?

The vast majority of messages in the *Checker* are derived from the monographs in *Stockley's Drug Interactions*, and currently, the interactions content in the *Checker* is updated on a monthly basis.

Stockley's Drug Interactions is updated quarterly, giving more time to review all the literature and revise the full monograph. So, when information is updated for the *Checker* it will not appear in *Stockley's Drug Interactions* until the full monograph is revised. For example, information that is updated in the *Checker* first might relate to a new drug, a new safety update from the MHRA or FDA, or a new dose adjustment.

Which Interactions resource should I use?

- If you need a quick answer to your interactions query, use the *Stockley's Interactions Checker*
- If you require more detail or an understanding of why an interaction occurs, use *Stockley's Drug Interactions*
- However, because of the differences between the two products, if you don't find the information you need in *Stockley's Drug Interactions*, try searching for the interaction in the *Stockley's Interactions Checker*.

The table below provides a quick comparison between the two products:

Stockley's Drug Interactions	Stockley's Interactions Checker
Provides detailed, fully-referenced information about a drug interaction	Gives you a quick answer to your interactions query
Summarises the available clinical evidence and explains how to manage the interaction	Consists of two short lines: what happens, and what you should do
Explains the mechanism of the interaction	Links to full monograph in <i>Stockley's Drug Interactions</i> should you require more detail
Includes drug-drug, drug-herb, drug-food interactions	Includes drug-drug, drug-herb, drug-food interactions
International in coverage	International in coverage