



Drugs in Cyberspace: Part 2

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The July InforMed column discussed online Canadian drug-related resources. This month continues with Canadian sites, selected American resources and links to drug information for handheld computers:

Canadian Resources

Therapeutics Newsletter

<http://www.ti.ubc.ca>

The Therapeutics Initiative at the University of British Columbia offers an online evidence-based newsletter. A recent issue described the adverse effects of lipid-lowering therapy.

Community Drug Utilization Program

<http://www.cdup.org>

The Pharmacy Department at Lion's Gate Hospital provides "The Review," an online newsletter about the treatment of common medical conditions. A recent issue provided an overview of the products available for treating fungal infections. You need to register to use this site.

RxFiles

<http://www.sdh.sk.ca/RxFiles/>

The Saskatoon Health District provides therapeutic comparison charts, including several formatted for Palm OS handheld computers. A recent chart compared different hypertension therapies.

Health Canada Drug Product Database

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/drugs-dpd/>

This site offers brief information about medications available in Canada.



American Resources

Some drugs may have different names, or may not be available in the U.S.. Try searching for the generic name, rather than the trade name.

MEDLINE Plus Drug Information

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html>

The U.S. National Institute of Health provides drug monographs from the "U.S. Pharmacopeia." It includes some products only available in Canada.

Consumer Drug Information

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/consumerinfo/default.htm>

The Federal Drug Agency Information lists newly approved medications in the U.S. This site is useful for information about products not yet available in Canada.

Pocket Pediatrics

<http://members.aol.com/pocketpeds/pages/online.htm>

Quick reference guides to pediatric medications and dosages.

MIS Website

<http://ruralnet.ab.ca/medinfo/websites/drugs.htm>

This page contains links to the Web sites outlined in this article including ratings of each site. 