

## MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series Main Page

**Search term box**  
Enter the search term(s) of your search here

**Main link**  
Always links back to this main page

**Help link**  
Links to online help files

**Search by database**  
Allows you to limit your search to specific databases

**Search by category**  
Allows you to limit your search to specific health topics or categories

**Integrated Index System**  
Searches several systems at once and lists all which have information on your search terms

**Find drugs and substances**  
• Toxicology (TOXINDEX® & IDENTIDEX® Systems)  
• Trade/Generic Drugs (DRUGDEX® & MARTINDALE Systems)

**Use a tool**  
• Drug Interactions (DRUG-REA® System)  
• Dosing Tools (Calculators & Nomograms, Pearls)  
• IV Compatibility (IV INDEX® System)

**Access patient education**  
• The CareNotes™ System  
• AltMed Leaflets (AltCareDex® System)

**What's New** | **Learning Center** | **Editorial Information** | **Contact MICROMEDEX** | **mobileMICROMEDEX™**

**Information about "What's New" in the current release**

**User's Guide, Online Tutorial, and other training materials**

**Editorial Boards and instructions for how to reference MICROMEDEX**

**Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses**

**Information for using MICROMEDEX with a hand-held device**

Additional approaches to individual MICROMEDEX systems are available from the links located below the search term box:

Toxicology\* – product ingredient information, management of poisoning, tablet/capsule identification

Trade/Generic Drugs\* – drug monographs including dosage, therapeutic use, contraindications, & adverse effects

Drug Interactions – drug-drug, drug-food, drug-disease, drug-ethanol, and drug-laboratory assay interactions

Dosing Tools – emergency drug dosing calculators for drugs commonly used in emergency situations

IV Compatibility – compatibility information from Trissel's Tables® and IV admixture information based on Gold Standard Multimedia® - FADED ON SCREEN BECAUSE LSUHSC-S DOES NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THIS DATABASE

Formulary Advisor – administer your hospital's formulary and communicate those requirements facility wide – FADED ON SCREEN BECAUSE LSUHSC-S DOES NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THIS DATABASE

The CareNotes™ System – patient education leaflets with health and drug information

AltMed Leaflets – patient education leaflets with complementary and alternative medicine information

\*This information can also be located through the "Integrated Index" or "Search by database" features.

**Access:** Go to the library database menu at <http://lib.sh.lsuhscc.edu/menu.html> and click on **MICROMEDEX**. Enter your **LSUHSC master ID and password** (the same one that you use for campus e-mail and for Ovid). If prompted for a domain name, enter lsumc-master; on Windows XP, precede your ID with the domain, in the format: lsumc-master\userID. You do not have to be connected to the Internet through LSU in order to use this product. MICROMEDEX also has a “mobile” version for use with hand-held devices. Click the *mobile*MICROMEDEX button on the main page for additional information about access through the Palm Operating System.

**Content:** MICROMEDEX is not a single database but a family of databases. Coverage for the **health professional** includes information about over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs, exposure to poisonous substances, drug interactions, emergency treatment of various conditions, herbal and alternative medicine, material safety data sheets, reproductive effects of drugs and other exposures. The system also contains easy-to-understand information for **patients** on wellness/preventive medicine, aftercare instructions, and drugs. Some of the patient handouts may be customized.

### **Searching:**

- Enter your terms in the search box. You may search for a disease or a drug.
- For most searches, you only need to enter one keyword or phrase.
- The system does *not* use Boolean operators. “AND” is assumed when using multiple terms.
- You may enter generic or brand names of drugs.
- If you do not get adequate retrieval with a term, do another search with a synonym for that term.
- Entering the root of a word retrieves documents with *all* forms of the word beginning with that root.
- Checking the box for “Find exact term only” retrieves documents with *only* that form of the word entered.

**Retrieval:** Matches for your search term are displayed on the Search Results page by these major topics in the following order: Summary Documents, Drug Information, Disease Information, Toxicology Information, Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Reproductive Risk. All searches will not have information results in each topic area. Databases are listed below each topic. Select the database that most closely matches your information need.

**Navigation:** Moving around in the system requires the usual methods for a web product: scrolling, clicking the browser’s back button, clicking hypertext links, and clicking the system’s navigation buttons. Clicking the **Search Results** button takes you back to the Search Results page with the list of topic areas and databases retrieved by your last search. Clicking the **New Search** button provides a screen with a clear search box to begin a new query. Clicking the **Main** button returns to the MICROMEDEX main page.

**Printing:** There are several print options. Choose the method which best suits your needs.

Use the browser’s **Print** function to print the page(s) currently displayed on the screen. Lengthy documents may not be printed in their entirety using this method. If the bottom of the screen has a “*Document Continues*” notation, you must click the notation to go to the next screen and issue another print command. Command buttons (*Help, Main, New Search*, etc.) will be included in the printout using this method.

You may also select the **Print Ready** button to reach a page that offers printing options:

**Printing an entire document** – Select **Display Full Document**. Then click the Print button on your browser’s toolbar.

**Printing a partial document** – Click the checkboxes for the outline sections you wish to print. Then click the Display Selections button to view the selected sections and click the Print button on your browser’s toolbar.

Much of this material was adapted from the MICROMEDEX help pages.