

A guide to *E-CPS*

What is E-CPS?

E-CPS is the electronic version of the Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties. E-CPS provides access to almost 3,000 approved product monographs, and immediate access to new product monographs. Health Canada advisories are also posted to E-CPS.

What can I do with it?

You can search for information on drug products by brand name, generic name, therapeutic class, or manufacturer. Patient information sheets are available to print off.

How do I get to it?

To get to E-CPS:

- 1) Go to www.shirp.ca
- 2) Click on the "list of books" link under the heading "Look for a Book"
- 3) Find "E-CPS" in the list
- 4) Click on the heading above the description
- 5) If you are accessing E-CPS from outside a health region facility, you may be asked to log in if you have not done so already.



To access the E-CPS click on the e-CPS tab at the top of the E-Therapeutics Plus start page.

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Evaluate Therapeutic Information

Tell us how an e-Therapeutics Highlight affects you or your practice. e-Therapeutics Highlights appear in green within each therapeutic topic. Choose a link to evaluate any of the following.

- [Atopic Dermatitis: Once-daily application of topical corticosteroids often sufficient](#)
- [Restless Legs Syndrome: Look for iron deficiency as possible cause](#)
- [Community-acquired Pneumonia: Give first dose of antibiotic within 4-8 hours of presentation to emergency room](#)
- [Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Cognitive behavioural therapy most effective](#)
- [Cataract Surgery Post-operative Care: Red flags for serious complications](#)
- [Psychoses: The cannabis connection](#)
- [Acute Stroke: Wider window of opportunity for alteplase](#)
- [Click Here For More](#)

Therapeutic Information

There is a recent update to the following topic(s) on the Therapeutics tab:

- [Hypertension](#) (February 2010) — Updated to include Rasilez HCT.

Take another look at e-Therapeutics+
Take another look at e-Therapeutics+. We've added some great new features to the site. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Access to the Cochrane Library
The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre, in partnership with the Canadian Health Libraries Association, recently secured a national license to the Cochrane Library. Every Canadian with Internet access is now able to view the full content of the Cochrane Library, which provides evaluations on health treatments. Visit it at www.thecochranelibrary.com.

Getting Logged Out?
If you're in e-CPS or e-Therapeutics and haven't accessed information in over 16 an

E-CPS is made up of six tools:

- 1. Drug Monographs:** the default page that allows you to search for drug monographs
- 2. CPhA Drug Monographs:** these monographs are produced by the Canadian Pharmacists Association, and may contain different information than the other drug monographs.
- 3. Drug Updates:** highlights information about new and revised products available in Canada, including new molecular entities, new products or products with major changes (such as new indications, new dosage forms, new formulations and reinstated products).
- 4. Clin-Info:** allows you to create tables listing drug interactions
- 5. Directories:** online directories for poison control centres, health organizations and drug manufacturers
- 6. Product Identification Tool:** allows you to find information on drugs based on their physical description

Search Drug Monographs [HELP](#)

General Search [Advanced Search](#)

Search By:

Enter full or partial text:

Legend
M=Prescribing information by manufacturer
A=Availability only
D=Discontinued product
L=Link to a CPhA monograph
X=No monograph

Drug Monographs [ABOUT](#)

How to Search for Drug Monographs

General Search

Drug monographs can be searched by brand name, generic name, therapeutic class or manufacturer.

Using the General Search on the left of your screen:

- Select your method of search by using the Search By drop-down list.
- Enter full or partial text in the Enter Text box.

*Note: Use the wildcard character * (the asterisk) at the beginning of the search string to find all drugs that contain the typed search string. For example, typing "*aro" will return all drug names (brand and generic) that either begin with the text string "aro" or contain the text string with the name. The wildcard character is implied at the end of your typed text so there is no need to include it.*

- Click the [Search] button.
- Select a generic name, therapeutic class or manufacturer from the first box. A list of brand name drugs will display in the second box.
- Select a brand name drug from the second box to display the product monograph.

Note: The letters M, A, D, L or X will display at the end of a brand name drug identifying the type of product information available e.g. M=Prescribing information by manufacturer, A=Availability only, D=Discontinued product, L=Link to a CPhA monograph and X=No monograph. A legend will display directly below the second list box for easy reference.

Advanced Search

To search for specific key terms within a drug monograph or across multiple drug monographs, use the Advanced Search link.

For additional information on how to search a product monograph, use the Help button in the Drug Monograph Search portlet.

For more information about Drug Monographs, use the About button in the title bar of this portlet.

Searching for a Drug Monograph

Step 1: Type the term you are looking for in the search box and click on the "Search" button.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Drug Monographs' interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Drug Monographs, CPhA Drug Monographs, Drug Updates, Clin-Info, Directories, and Product Identification Tool. The search box is titled 'General Search' and has a 'Search By:' dropdown menu set to 'Brand and Generic'. The text 'Glumetza' is entered in the 'Enter full or partial text:' field. The 'Search' button is highlighted with a red circle. To the right, the 'Drug Monographs' page header is visible, along with an 'ABOUT' link. Below the header, the section 'How to Search for Drug Monographs' is shown, followed by 'General Search' instructions and a list of search tips.

Step 2: A list of possible results will show up underneath the search box. Click on the name of the drug to see the monograph.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Drug Monographs' interface after the search. The search box still contains 'Glumetza' and the 'Search' button is highlighted with a red circle. Below the search box, there are two selection boxes. The first is titled 'Select a generic name to display brand name(s)' and is empty. The second is titled 'Select a brand name to display monograph' and contains 'Glumetza [M]', which is highlighted with a red circle. To the right, the 'Drug Monographs' page header is visible, along with an 'ABOUT' link. Below the header, the section 'How to Search for Drug Monographs' is shown, followed by 'General Search' instructions and a list of search tips. A note at the bottom explains the meaning of the letters M, A, D, L, or X at the end of a brand name.

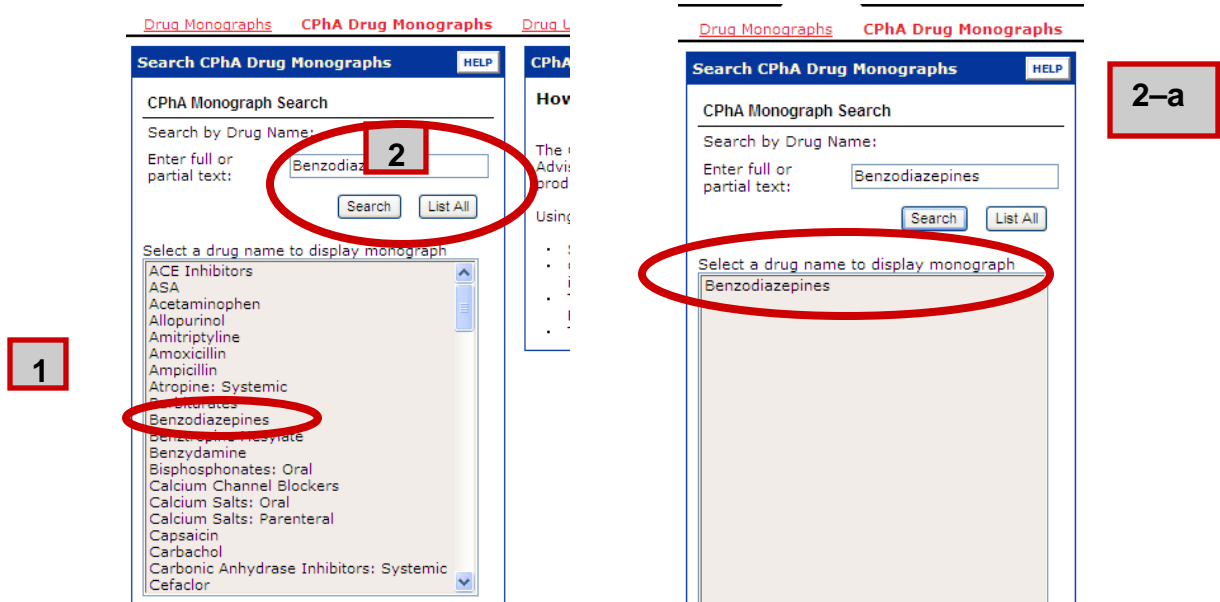
The monograph will come up on the right. To view specific sections of the monograph, scroll down the page or click on the heading links at the top.

The screenshot shows the full monograph for 'Glumetza'. The search box still contains 'Glumetza' and the 'Search' button is highlighted with a red circle. The monograph content is displayed on the right side of the page. At the top, there are navigation links: Drug Monographs, CPhA Drug Monographs, Drug Updates, Clin-Info, Directories, and Product Identification Tool. The search box is titled 'General Search' and has a 'Search By:' dropdown menu set to 'Brand and Generic'. The text 'Glumetza' is entered in the 'Enter full or partial text:' field. The 'Search' button is highlighted with a red circle. Below the search box, there are two selection boxes. The first is titled 'Select a generic name to display brand name(s)' and is empty. The second is titled 'Select a brand name to display monograph' and contains 'Glumetza [M]', which is highlighted with a red circle. To the right, the 'Drug Monographs' page header is visible, along with an 'ABOUT' link. Below the header, the section 'How to Search for Drug Monographs' is shown, followed by 'General Search' instructions and a list of search tips. A note at the bottom explains the meaning of the letters M, A, D, L, or X at the end of a brand name. The monograph content includes a 'Summary Product Information' section with a table of Route of Administration, Dosage Form/Strength, and Clinically Relevant Nonmedicinal Ingredients. The table has three columns: Route of Administration, Dosage Form/Strength, and Clinically Relevant Nonmedicinal Ingredients. The first row shows 'Oral' under Route of Administration, 'Extended release' under Dosage Form/Strength, and 'Hydroxymethylcellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, magnesium stearate' under Clinically Relevant Nonmedicinal Ingredients.

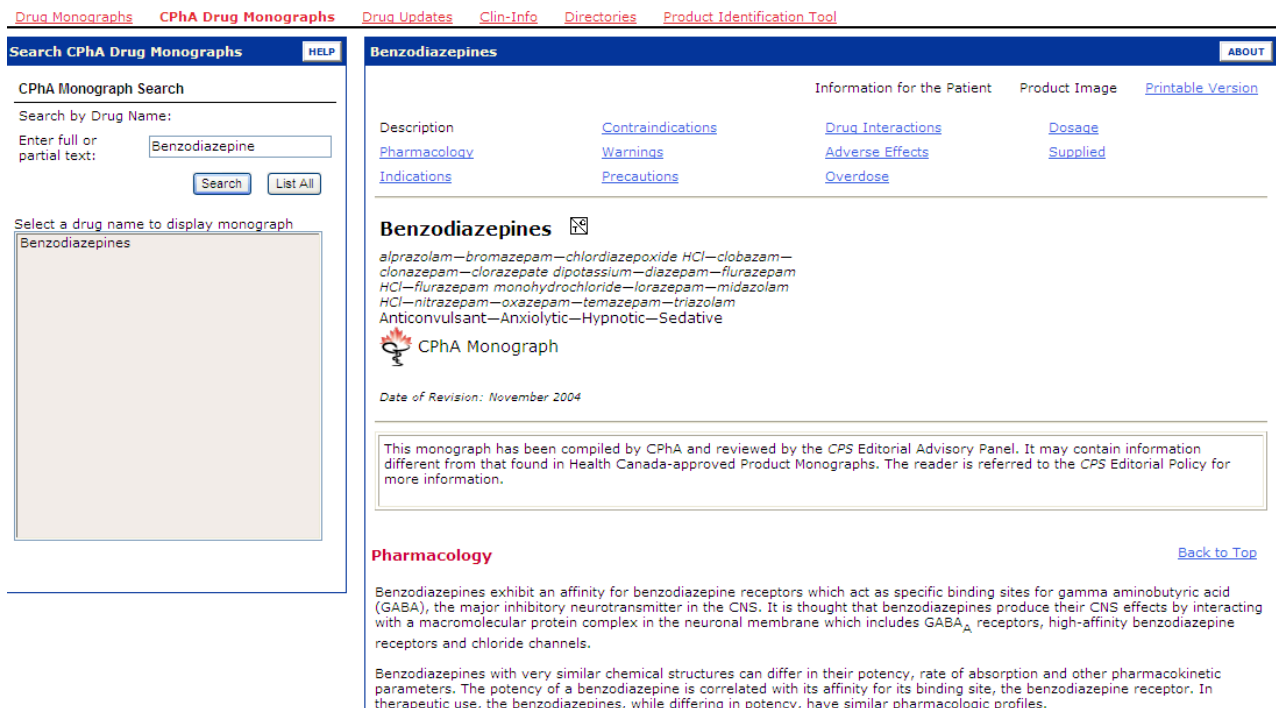
Finding a CPhA Drug Monograph

There are two ways to find CPhA monographs

- 1) Scroll through the list and click on the title of the monograph, or
- 2) Type the drug you are looking for in the search box and click on the "Search" button; then click on the name of the monograph that appears in the box below the search box.



The monograph will come up on the right. To view specific sections of the monograph, scroll down the page or click on the heading links at the top.



Using Drug Updates

Drug Updates lists products that are new to eCPS, with the newest entries appearing at the top. To sort the entries by name, manufacturer, or classification, click on the heading in the blue shaded area at the top of the table.

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Drug Updates

Drug Updates highlights information about new and revised products available in Canada that are coming to e-CPS. It includes new molecular entities, new products or products with major changes (new indications, new dosage forms, new formulations and reinstated products). New product information can also be found under What's New on the Home tab.

Using the Table:

- Click on a column heading to sort the table by that column in ascending order. Click on the heading a second time to sort in descending order.
- To locate a specific entry within the table use CTRL F, enter a keyword and click Find.
- When available in e-CPS, brand names are linked to new and existing monographs. Click the brand name to open the product monograph in a new window.

Brand Name	Generic Name	Manufacturer	Classification	New Information	Date Entered
Naprelan	naproxen sodium	Oryx	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug	New product	8/1/2007
Zemplar	paricalcitol	Abbott	Vitamin D analogue	New safety information	8/1/2007
Rougier Vap	chlorhexidine gluconate	Rougier Pharma	Local anti-infective	New product	8/1/2007
ratio-Ramipril	ramipril	ratiopharm	Angiotensin converting enzyme	New product	8/1/2007
ratio-Omeprazole	omeprazole	ratiopharm	H+, K+-ATPase inhibitor	New product	8/1/2007
ratio-Ipra Sal UDV	ipratropium bromide/salbutamol sulfate	ratiopharm	Bronchodilator	New product	8/1/2007
ratio-Fentanyl	fentanyl	ratiopharm	Opioid analgesic	New product	8/1/2007
ratio-Buspirone	buspirone hydrochloride	ratiopharm	Anxiolytic	New product	8/1/2007
ratio-Alendronate	alendronate sodium	ratiopharm	Bone metabolism regulator	New product	8/1/2007
RAN-Cefprozil	cefprozil	Ranbaxy	Antibiotic	New product	8/1/2007

Click on the brand name of a product to read the eCPS monograph.

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Naprelan	naproxen sodium	Oryx	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug	New product	8/1/2007
Zemplar	paricalcitol	Abbott	Vitamin D analogue	New safety information	8/1/2007
Rougier Vap	chlorhexidine gluconate	Rougier Pharma	Local anti-infective	New product	8/1/2007
ratio-Ramipril	ramipril	ratiopharm	Angiotensin converting enzyme	New product	8/1/2007

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[Description](#) [Drug Interactions](#) [Special Handling Instructions](#)
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Zemplar® 

paricalcitol
Vitamin D Analogue
Abbott

Date of Preparation: March 30, 2005
Date of Revision: February 22, 2007

Summary Product Information [Back to Top](#)

Route of Administration	Dosage Form/ Strength	Clinically Relevant Nonmedicinal Ingredients
Usual route: Hemodialysis blood line	Solution for injection/5 µg/mL	Propylene glycol, 30% (v/v); alcohol (ethanol), 20% (v/v)

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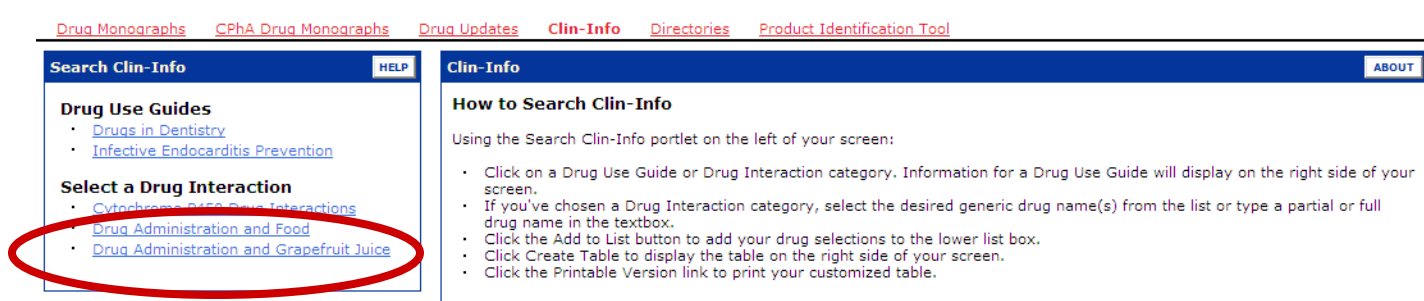
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ZEMPLAR (paricalcitol injection USP) is indicated for:

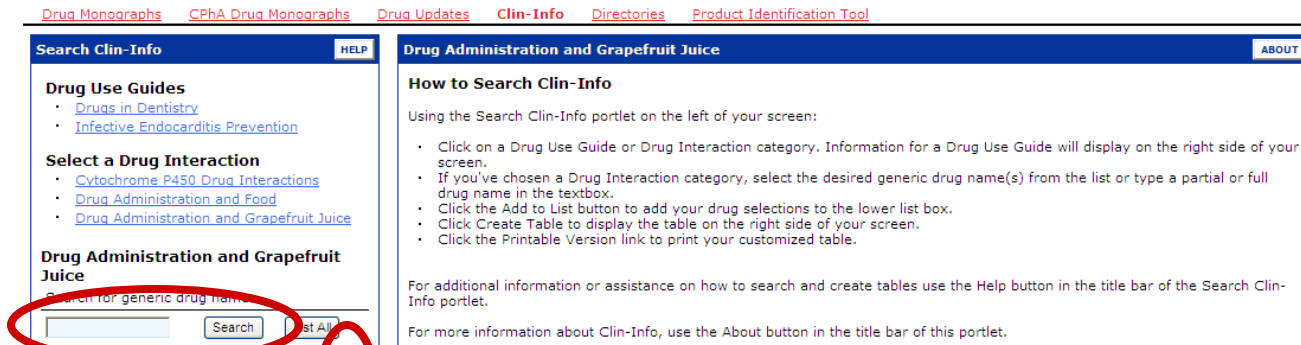
- The prevention and treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism associated with chronic renal failure.

Using Clin-Info

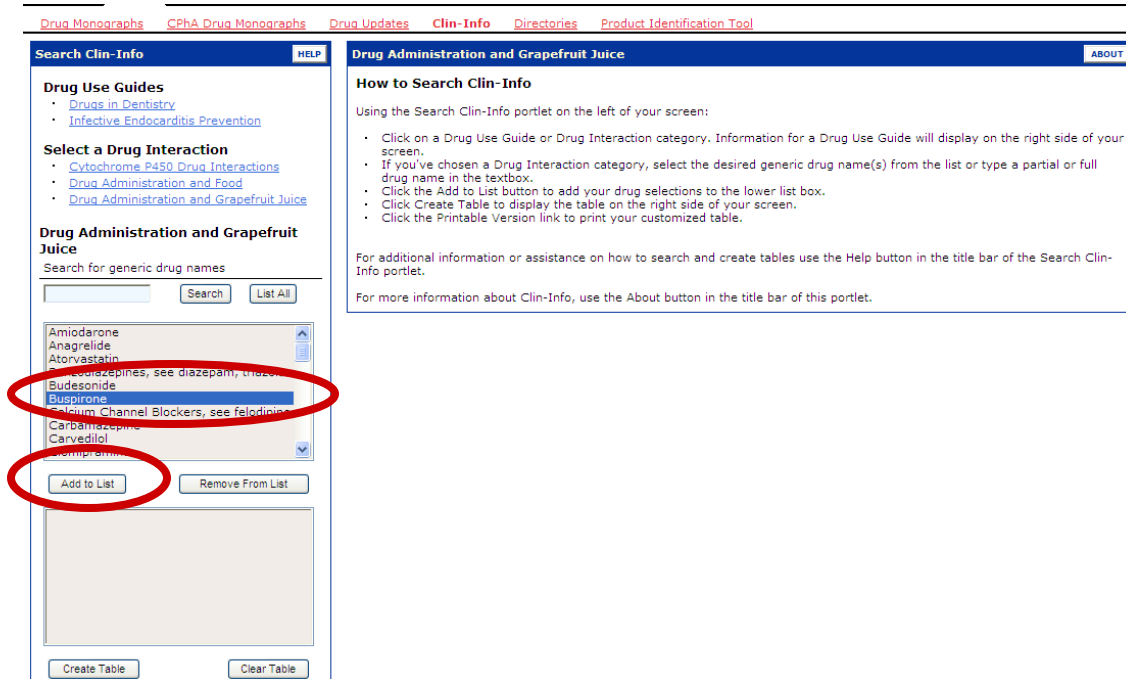
Step 1: Click on a drug interaction category from the list on the left.



Step 2: Search for a drug using the search box, or scroll through the list of generic drug names.



Step 3: Highlight the drug name you are interested in by clicking on it, and click on the "Add to List" button.



That drug will be added to the list in the space below. Repeat this process until you have finished your list.

Step 4: Click on the “Create Table” button.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Clin-Info' interface. On the left, under 'Drug Administration and Grapefruit Juice', there is a search box for generic drug names. A list of drugs is displayed, with 'Buspirone' selected. Below the list are 'Add to List' and 'Remove From List' buttons. At the bottom of the list, the 'Create Table' button is circled in red. On the right, the 'Drug Administration and Grapefruit Juice' section contains instructions on how to search and create tables, along with a 'Printable Version' link.

A table will come up on the right listing the drug's interactions and it's management.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Clin-Info' interface with the 'Drug Administration and Grapefruit Juice' section. The 'Create Table' button is now visible at the bottom of the left panel. The right panel displays a table with the following content:

Drug	Grapefruit Juice Effect	Management
Buspirone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeated doses of grapefruit juice markedly increase buspirone serum concentration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid grapefruit juice; other juices not known to interact. If used in combination, monitor for adverse effects associated with increased serum levels of buspirone (e.g., sedation and psychomotor impairment).

Below the table, it states: "Abbreviation: AUC = area under curve". At the bottom of the right panel, it reads: "Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties, online version (e-CPS). © Canadian Pharmacists Association, 2007. All rights reserved."

Using the Directories

Step 1: Choose a directory by clicking on the link on the left of the screen.

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Search Directories HELP

Select a Directory

- [Poison Control Centres](#)
- **[Health Organizations](#)**
- [Manufacturers](#)

Directories ABOUT

How to Search Directories

The directories can be searched for Poison Control Centres, Health Organizations and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers.

Using the Directory list on the left of your screen:

- Select (click) a link from the list of directories.
- Select a contact name from the list displayed or type a partial or full name in the Search For box.
- Click the name to display the full contact information.

Step 2: Search for an organization using the search box, or scroll through the list of names.

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Health Organizations

Search For: Search

- Acupuncture Foundation of Canada Institute
- Adolescent Health, Canadian Association of
- AIDS Society, Canadian
- Allergy/Asthma Information Association
- Alzheimer Society of Canada
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of C
- Aplastic Anemia & Myelodysplasia Associa
- Arthritis Society
- Asthma Society of Canada
- Attention Deficit Disorder Canada Inc., CF
- Blind, Canadian National Institute for the
- Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada
- Breast Cancer Foundation, Canadian
- Breastfeeding, Drug exposure during
- Cancer Society, Canadian
- Celiac Association, Canadian
- Child Health, Canadian Institute of
- Childhood Cancer Foundation Candlelight
- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chronic Pain Association of Canada

Health Organizations ABOUT

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For additional information or assistance on how to search the directories use the Help button located in the Search Directories portlet.

For information about the directories, use the About button in the title bar of this portlet.

Step 3: Click on the organization name to bring up directory information on the right.

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Health Organizations

Search For: Search

- Alzheimer Society of Canada
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of C
- Aplastic Anemia & Myelodysplasia Associa
- Arthritis Society
- Asthma Society of Canada
- Attention Deficit Disorder Canada Inc., CF
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- Celiac Association, Canadian
- Child Health, Canadian Institute of
- Childhood Cancer Foundation Candlelight
- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chronic Pain Association of Canada
- [Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada](#)**
- Cyclosporin, Canadian
- Deaf, Canadian Association of the

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Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada

Raises funds for medical research to find the cure for inflammatory bowel disease; provides education.

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Using the Product Identification Tool

Step 1: Use the drop down menus and search boxes provided to describe the product you are interested in.

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Product Identification Tool

[e-PID online search](#)

Please select your search criteria

Dosage Form

Shape

Color

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Brand Name

Generic Name

Step 2: Once you've entered all the information you have, click on the "Search" button.

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A picture and basic information for drugs matching that description will come up on the right. Click on the "more" link to see more detailed information about a particular product.

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Dosage Form

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Brand Name

Generic Name

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	Brand Name & Strength - <i>Gravol</i> ® 50 mg Generic Name - dimenhydrinate Imprint - GRAVOL 50 DIN 00013803 more...
	Brand Name & Strength - <i>Peppid AC</i> ® 10 mg Generic Name - famotidine Imprint - PEPCID AC DIN 00015511 more...
	Brand Name & Strength - <i>Singulair</i> ® 5 mg Generic Name - montelukast sodium Imprint - SINGULAIR, MSD 275 DIN 02238216 more...