

A guide to International Pharmaceutical Abstracts (IPA)

What is IPA?

IPA – or International Pharmaceutical Abstracts - is a database that covers pharmaceutical science and health related literature from 1970 to the present. Abstracts of presentations at major pharmacy meetings are also included.

What can I do with it?

You can use this database to find references and abstracts for articles dealing with drug therapy, toxicity, pharmacy practice, legislation, regulation, technology, utilization, information processing, education, economics, and ethics as related to pharmaceutical science and practice.

How do I get to it?

To get to IPA:

- 1) Go to www.shirp.ca
- 2) Click on the “Search for articles on your topic” link under the heading “Find an Article”
- 3) Scroll down the page until you see “IPA” in the alphabetical list
- 4) Click on the heading above the description
- 5) If you are accessing this database from outside of a health region facility, you may be asked to log in if you haven’t done so already.



The main search screen for IPA is made up of:

- 1) Search History: keeps track of what you've looked for and how many results you got.
- 2) Search Box: allows you to search for specific words in the item records.
- 3) Limits: allow you to limit your results to items that fit specific criteria. More limits are available by clicking on "Additional Limits".

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This example illustrates searching IPA for articles on **medication reconciliation** as it relates to **patient safety**. It is usually a good idea to look for different concepts one at a time, and link them using the Search History later on. Type the first concept - *medication reconciliation* - in the search box, then click the "Search" button.

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Repeat this process for the next concept, *patient safety*.

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Effect of an Electronic **Medication Reconciliation** Application and Process Redesign on Potential Adverse Drug Events A Cluster-Randomized Trial.

Schnipper, JL. Hamann, C. Ndumele, CD. Liang, CL. Gandhi, TK. et al.

Archives of Internal Medicine. 169(8): p 771-780. 2009.
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Murphy, JA. Hardesty, J. Gattas, N. Long, M. Tiemeier, AM.

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Annual Meeting. 72(3): p NIL_0097. 2008.
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Affiliation: Medication Safety Officer, Safe Medication Practice Unit, Queensland Health, Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital, Herston Qld, Australia

Source: [Journal of Pharmacy Practice & Research](#) (J PHARM PRACT RES), 2008; 38(3): 196-9 (41 ref)

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