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| **Intended Users:** | **Consumers** | **Healthcare Providers** | **Information Professionals**  | **Researchers**  |

# [Daily Med](https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/index.cfm)

**Description:** Daily Med allows people to look at U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labeling for prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines, cosmetics, supplements, and other health products for humans and animals. The site provides labeling information regarding dosage, administration, contraindications, warnings and precautions, adverse reactions, and drug interactions. DailyMed has labeling information for over 1 million products.

## Popular uses of this product:

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| **Consumers** | **Healthcare Providers** | **Information Professionals**  | **Researchers**  |
| * Find detailed dosage and usage information.
* Check the full list of ingredients for allergies or sensitivities.
* Find safety recalls or report adverse events.
* Printer-friendly versions are available.
 | * Find prescribing information such as box warnings and use in specific populations.
* Find summaries of clinical trials and recent literature.
* Find drug facts for nonprescription medicines.
* Look at FDA-approved labeling.
 | * Help patrons identify and search by the National Drug Code (NDC), drug class, manufacturer, or other advanced search filters.
* Guide patrons to pages directed at consumers or clinicians and researchers.
 | * Look up drugs by their NDC number.
* Find clinical pharmacology and non-clinical toxicology information.
* Find ingredient and manufacturer information.
* Download monthly, weekly, or daily releases of drug label images (Structured Product Labeling).
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## Key Points:

1. DailyMed provides detailed drug information and FDA labeling information.
2. People can also search for information on dietary supplements, cosmetics, and pet health products.

## Potential Predicaments:

1. There are separate pages for consumers and healthcare professionals, but the label is small. Consumers might inadvertently look at pages intended for healthcare professionals.
2. The search engine does not accommodate for spelling errors. When searching by name, it must be spelled correctly.
3. The FDA-approved drug labels on DailyMed contain information provided by the drug manufacturers.

## Teaching Examples:

1. Explain the purpose of an NDC and have people search for a drug by name and by the NDC.
2. Compare the consumer version and the healthcare professional version. Have people identify what information is different and what is the same on both versions.

## Real Life Examples:

1. A veterinarian is treating a dog that had an adverse reaction to an over-the-counter flea medicine. They use DailyMed to find the ingredients and manufacturer, and to report the adverse event.
2. A clinician has a patient with allergies to certain dyes and additives. They use the advanced search to look for medications without those ingredients.

## More Information:

[Tips on How to Use the Website](https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/help.cfm) [Introductory Video](https://youtu.be/EHyW7KixJIw?t=227)

## Commercial Equivalents:

[Epocrates](https://online.epocrates.com/home) – Includes clinical information about diseases and drug dosage calculators.

[Drugs.com](https://www.drugs.com/) – Intended for consumer use; includes pill identification, layman’s terms for uses, side effects, dosage, and interactions. Does not provide FDA labeling information.