Intended Users:	Consumers	Healthcare Providers	Information Professionals	Researchers

DailyMed

Description: DailyMed provides U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) structured product labeling (SPL) supplied by the manufacturer for prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines, 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 more than 400,000 active products.

Popular uses of this product:

Consumers	Healthcare Providers	Information Professionals	Researchers
• Find detailed dosage and usage information. • Find black box warnings and contraindications. • Check the full list of ingredients (e.g., for allergens). • Enlarge packaging to view label text more easily. • Find a printer-friendly version.	• 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. • Find FDA-approved labeling. • Find past versions of a label.	• 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. • Find clinical pharmacology and non-clinical toxicology information. • Find ingredient and manufacturer information. • Download drug labels on a monthly, weekly, or daily basis.

Key Points:

1. DailyMed provides OTC drug information and FDA-approved product labeling information.
2. Some information is available for non-regulated products (e.g., dietary supplements, cosmetics).

Potential Predicaments:

1. There are separate pages for consumers and healthcare professionals, but consumers may find the information technical, difficult to interpret, and not tailored to their needs.
2. The search engine does not accommodate spelling errors. When searching by name, it must be spelled correctly.
3. SPLs on DailyMed contain information provided by the drug manufacturers.

Teaching Examples:

1. Explain the purpose and format of an NDC and have people search for a drug by name and by the NDC.
2. Compare the healthcare professional version, the consumer version, and the information about the drug on MedlinePlus. Discuss the appropriate uses of each.

Real Life Examples:

1. A pharmacist in a rural health clinic compares the package label on their physical product to the latest DailyMed label.
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 as one step in eliminating inappropriate medications.
3. A patient with vision impairment uses DailyMed to enlarge their drug label and view it more easily.

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Tips on How to Use the Website Introductory Video

Commercial Equivalents:
Epocrates – Includes clinical information about diseases and drug dosage calculators.
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.