



# MedicinesComplete

*Search. Select. Solve.*

## Quick user guide

### What is MedicinesComplete?

MedicinesComplete is a globally trusted resource for authoritative information to support clinical and drug research decisions.

### How can MedicinesComplete help you?

- Our search function allows you to search across all publications, bringing together a wealth of clinically relevant, unbiased drug information
- The clear and simple-to-use interface gives you easy access to the information you need
- Intuitive navigation to drug uses, interactions, adverse effects and treatment guidelines
- The service includes regular content updates to ensure data is current and authoritative
- Term recognition and weighting mean you get intelligent and relevant results



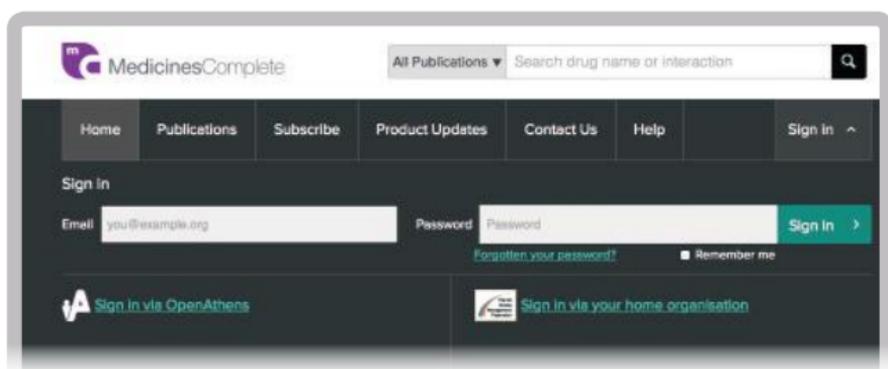
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# Getting the most from your MedicinesComplete session

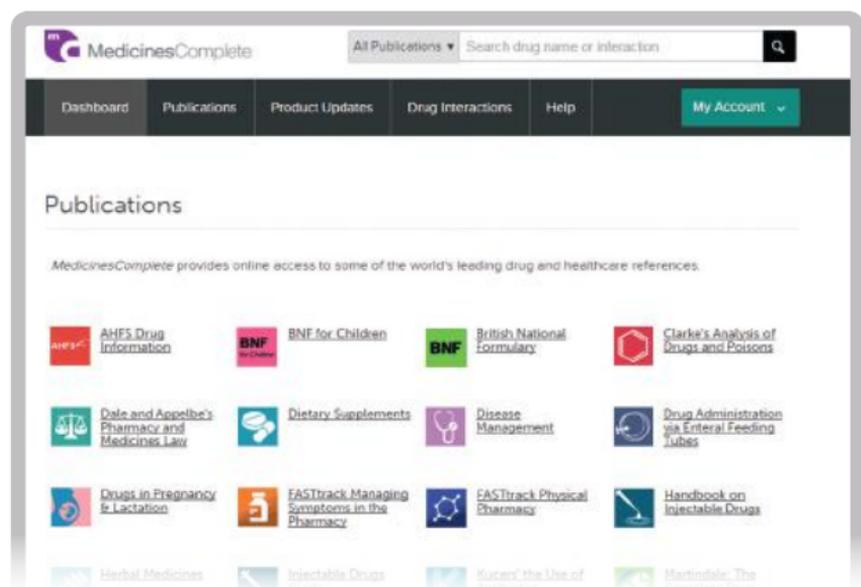
- Open the site at [www.medicinescomplete.com](http://www.medicinescomplete.com) and click the **'Sign in'** button. Enter your username and password, sign in via OpenAthens, or access through your home organisation; you will then be taken to your dashboard.

If your institution uses IP-address recognition you will be directed straight to your dashboard.

You may also be able to access your subscription at home, for more information contact your library or information manager.



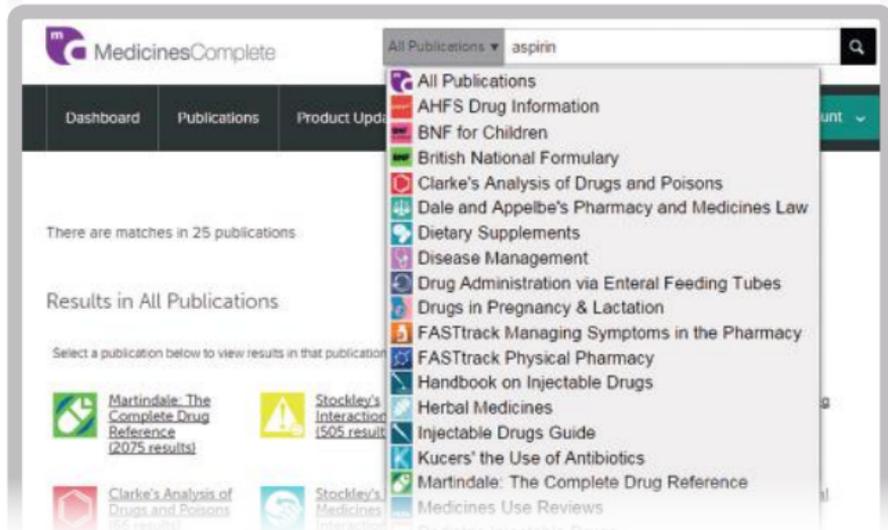
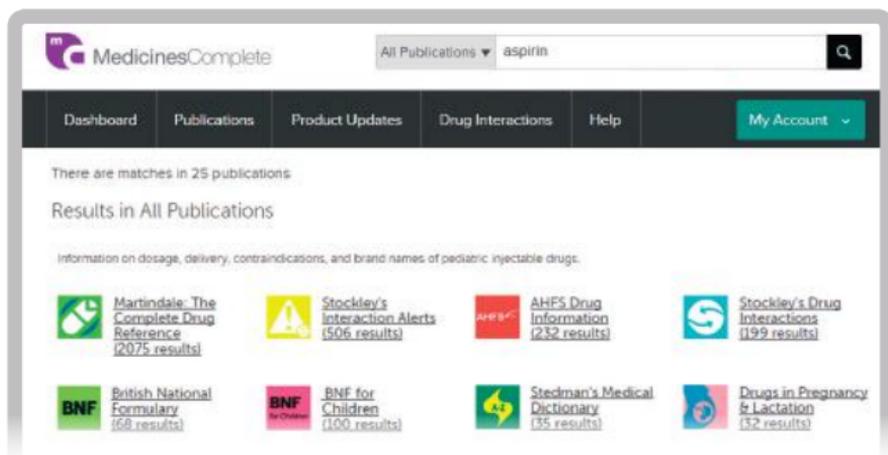
You will see a dashboard screen displaying all the publications that your institution subscribes to. (There is also a section showing other products available from MedicinesComplete that your institution isn't subscribed to.)



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## How do I perform a search?

Enter a term in the search box. Click on the search icon  to search all publications. Restrict to one publication by using the drop down or clicking an icon on your dashboard.



## Interactions search

From the dashboard page click the 'Drug Interactions' tab on the top navigation bar.

How can you use the Stockley's Interactions Checker to check if there is an interaction between verapamil, simvastatin, and ciprofloxacin?

Enter verapamil in the search box and click the  button. This starts creating your interactions search list. Alternatively, as you start typing, select the drug name from the auto-suggest list. Repeat this step for simvastatin and for ciprofloxacin, and then click on 'Search Interactions'. The search terms will be recognised as drug names or groups, so the system will check for specific interactions between them. You can remove drugs from your search list by clicking on the  button.

The results will be displayed below your search list in a table.

## Drug interactions for verapamil, simvastatin, ciprofloxacin

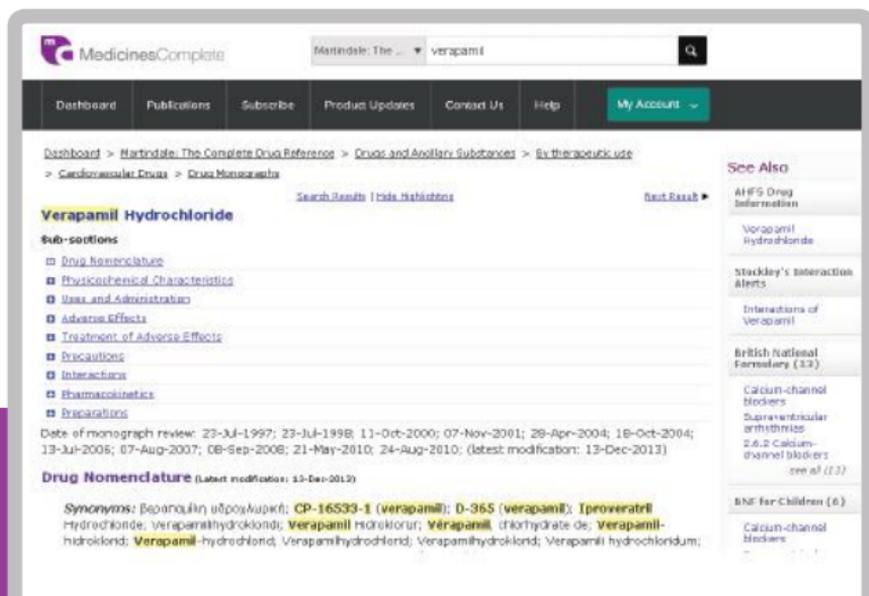
	<b>simvastatin</b> systemic	<b>verapamil</b> systemic	<b>Explanation:</b> Verapamil moderately increases simvastatin exposure: cases of rhabdomyolysis have been reported.	<b>Action:</b> A maximum dose of simvastatin 20 mg daily (UK) or 10 mg daily (US) is recommended. Monitor concurrent use and advise patients to report any unexplained muscle pain, tenderness or weakness.
For further information, see <a href="#">Stockley's Drug Interactions</a>				
	<b>simvastatin</b> systemic	<b>ciprofloxacin</b> systemic	<b>Explanation:</b> An isolated report describes rhabdomyolysis when a patient taking simvastatin was given ciprofloxacin.	<b>Action:</b> This isolated report is unlikely to be of general relevance.
For further information, see <a href="#">Stockley's Drug Interactions</a>				

Each line of the table displays an interactions message for a drug pair. Interactions messages are ordered by severity, with the most severe appearing at the top of the table. Each interaction message tells you what the expected interaction will be, and what action should be taken. Each one has been assigned a rating symbol in order to provide an indication of the clinical significance.

## Searching the monograph pages

Some publications have monographs containing information about a drug or herb's nomenclature, uses, dosing, cautions and contra-indications, adverse effects, and administration. Depending on the publication, it may also contain information about the drug or herbal constituents, chemical structure, interactions, pharmacokinetics, and preparations.

- To search for a monograph, type the name of the drug or herb you want in the search bar
- A tab bar will come up with choices such as Full text, Chapters, Interactions, Preparations, Manufacturers, and more. Select 'Monographs'
- Clicking on the monograph will open a monograph page. TIP: Search for a keyword using CTRL+F



The screenshot shows the MedicinesComplete website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Materials: The ... verapamil" and a search icon. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with options: Dashboard, Publications, Subscribe, Product Updates, Contact Us, Help, and My Account. The main content area displays the breadcrumb trail: Dashboard > Materials: The Complete Drug Reference > Drugs and Auxiliary Substances > By Therapeutic Use > Cardiovascular Drugs > Drug Monographs. The search results show "Verapamil Hydrochloride" with sub-sections: Drug Identification, Physicochemical Characteristics, Uses and Administration, Adverse Effects, Treatment of Adverse Effects, Precautions, Interactions, Pharmacokinetics, and Preparations. A date of monograph review is provided: 23-Jul-1997; 23-Jul-1998; 11-Oct-2000; 07-Nov-2001; 28-Apr-2004; 18-Oct-2004; 13-Jul-2005; 07-Aug-2007; 08-Sep-2008; 21-May-2010; 24-Aug-2010; (latest modification: 13-Dec-2013). The Drug Nomenclature section lists synonyms: βεραπαμίν υδροχλωρίδ; CP-16533-1 (verapamil); D-365 (verapamil); Iproveratril; Hydrochlörde; verapamilhydroklörnd; Verapamil mikroklorur; Verapamil chlorhydrate de; Verapamil-hydroklörnd; Verapamil-hydrochlörnd; Verapamilhydrochlörnd; Verapamilhydroklörnd; Verapamil hydrochlörndum. On the right side, there is a "See Also" section with links to AHFS Drug Information, Verapamil Hydrochloride, Stockley's Interaction Alerts, Interactions of Verapamil, British National Formulary (13), Calcium-channel Blockers, Supraventricular arrhythmias, 2,6,2 Calcium-channel blockers (see all (13)), and BNF for Children (6).

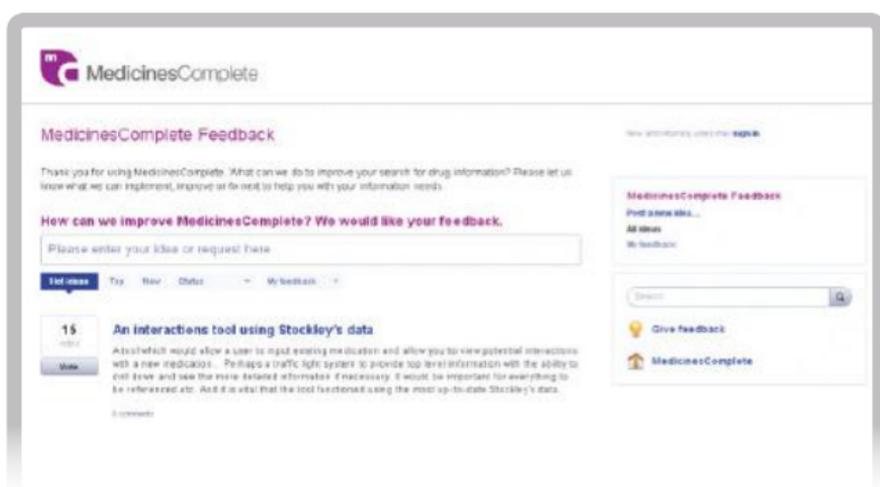
## Using the 'See Also' option

On each page there will be a '**See Also**' column on the right hand side, which quickly links you to other areas of MedicinesComplete relevant to the searched drug term.

## Your feedback on MedicinesComplete

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on how MedicinesComplete can develop in the future. Please use the feedback section of the website – navigate to the page by selecting **Feedback** on the Contact Us page.

You will see comments made by other users, and have the opportunity to review and post ideas that are important to you.



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The leading drug reference for the treatment of pregnant or breastfeeding women



## British National Formulary (BNF)

Up-to-date, practical guidance on prescribing, dispensing, and administering medicines



## BNF for Children

Practical information for the prescribing, dispensing, monitoring and administration of medicines to children



## Clarke's Analysis of Drugs and Poisons

The definitive source of analytical data for drugs and poisons



## Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes

Guide on formulation for administration to a patient with limited GI access



## Herbal Medicines

Evidence-based information on herbal medicines used for treatment and prevention of health problems



## Injectable Drugs Guide

Single point of reference for safe and effective administration of injectable medicines



## Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference

Reliable, unbiased and evaluated information on drugs and medicines used throughout the world



## The Orange Guide

European and UK guidance on legislation relating to the manufacture and distribution of medicines for human use



## Pharmaceutical Excipients

Comprehensive guide to the uses, properties and safety of pharmaceutical excipients



## Stockley's Drug Interactions

The world's most comprehensive and authoritative reference source on drug interactions



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