

for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians

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BMJ Best Practice

The national clinical decision support tool is available on desktop or app. Drawing on the latest evidence-based research with step-by-step guidance on diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention topics include integrated links to BNF and the Comorbidities Manager links to the Renal Drug Handbook.



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- Clinical Pocket Reference Practical Medicine Management
- Adverse Drug Interactions: A Handbook for Prescribers



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OUP handbooks and textbooks

All NHS staff and students on placement have access to over 130 Oxford Medicine e-books, including the Oxford Handbook of Clinical Pharmacy.

[Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines](#) is the essential evidence-based prescribing guidelines on the safe and effective prescribing of psychotropic agents.

Direct benefit to you and your patients

61% of people struggle to understand health information in words and numbers. [Our 30 minute elearning course](#) has simple tools for staff.

To address health inequalities, we need to focus on improving health literacy, digital literacy and digital access. Our [online tool](#) gives place-based geodata to identify levels of health literacy and digital access in your area.

Our co-produced, [easy read guides](#) can be downloaded for people with learning disabilities and autism, to help them navigate healthcare.

In [Your Health Collection](#) we have online resources for you and your colleagues to help patients with general health and wellbeing.

We also have [Uplifting Resources](#) to help staff wellbeing.



Understanding critical appraisal

Essential to evidence-based practice, critical appraisal helps enrich your research and learning and can be applied in a range of circumstances, such as formal or informal research projects, your professional development or while studying.

To support healthcare professionals to develop invaluable critical appraisal skills, there is an elearning programme – [Critically Appraising the Evidence Base](#).



Watch our animation

This short animation describes something about why it is good to work with NHS librarians and knowledge specialists.

Local NHS support

Depending on which area of the country your practice is in, you may have access to a local NHS knowledge and library service, including embedded Primary Care Knowledge Specialists supporting your Training Hub.

[Click here to find your local knowledge and library service](#)



For more information

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- Get trusted evidence to support your practice
- Get reassurance for you decisions
- Find information to support your professional development

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Sharing knowledge between colleagues

The [NHS Knowledge Mobilisation Framework eLearning](#) and [postcards](#) present 13 simple techniques you can use to learn before, during and after everything you do so good practice can be replicated and pitfalls avoided.

