Research Guide

This Research Guide will help you find books, ebooks, articles, and audio-visuals on topics related to Pharmacology Technology.

Searching TIPS: Useful terms/phrases for locating pharmacy resources in the databases, catalog, or on the Internet:
- Pharmacy technicians, drugs—dosage, drug interactions, drug stability, drugs—administration, drugs—side effects, compounding, prescription management, pharmaceutical calculations, medication

Hint: Use an asterisk (*) with the word root to expand your book and article searches. For example, entering pharma* will retrieve pharmacy, pharmacist, pharmaceutical, pharmacology, etc.

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- **CINAHL Plus with Full Text**  Nursing & allied health journals, providing full text for more than 560 journals indexed in CINAHL.
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- **Health Source: Nursing Academic**  Features integrated access to the full text and images of nursing, allied health and medical journals; consumer health magazines; newsletter; pamphlets; newspaper articles; topical overviews, and reference books.
- **Micromedex HealthCare Series and CareNotes**  Provides integrated searching of 10 clinical information resources on drugs, toxicology, diseases, laboratory tests, patient education and care. Database includes DRUGDEX System, Detail Drug Information for the Consumer, PDR, Index Nominum, P&T Quick Reports, and POISINDEX Managements.
- **Natural and Alternative Treatments**  The A-to-Z Herbs & Supplements Guide offers the latest scientific information and evidence on over 300 herbs,
Internet Resources

- **MedlinePlus (National Institutes of Health)**
  Contains extensive information on over 740 diseases/conditions and prescription and nonprescription drugs. Other key features are a medical encyclopedia, a medical dictionary, and hundreds of videos of actual surgical procedures performed at U.S. medical centers in recent years.

- **Center for Disease Control**
  Extensive information about health and disease from the national Center.

- **DrugTopics.Com: The Online News Magazine for Pharmacists**
  Articles about the pharmacy industry, including new medications, continuing education and career information.

- **Food and Drug Administration**
  Extensive information for health professionals and patients regarding new drug approvals, drug safety, and the National Drug Code Directory.

- **Merck Manual of Diagnosis & Therapy**

- **National Institutes of Health**
  General information about health and medical research.

- **Pharmacy Times**
  News, feature articles from the print version of this journal; drug updates, patient information, continuing education. Full-text articles published since 2007 available in Academic Search Complete.

- **Safe Medication**
  From the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, a searchable database of drug information.

- **U.S. Pharmacist**
  Online journal of monthly print publication offering current, authoritative information on issues of importance to pharmacy practice.

- **United States Pharmacopeia**
  The USP establishes national standards to ensure the quality of medicines for human and veterinary use.

- **Physician’s Desk Reference**
  An online resource of manufacturers’ information on prescription drugs. To download to your Apple or Android click [here](#).

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- **American Association of Pharmacy Technicians**
  Association information, conference announcements, CE links, and certification prep sites for pharmacy Technicians.

- **American Pharmacists Association** ([link for pharmacy technicians](#))
  Association website for professional pharmacists, including drug updates, recalls and news.

- **American Society of Health-System Pharmacists** ([see link for pharmacy technicians](#))
  National association website for hospital and health-system pharmacy professionals, offering continuing education and conference programs; drug information through its suite of AHFS (American Hospital Formulary Service) information products; monthly publication, American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, and pharmacy technician accreditation support.

- **National Pharmacy Technician Association**
  Largest professional organization for pharmacy technicians.

- **Pharmacy Technician Certification Board**
  Offers certification and recertification programs for pharmacy technicians.

- **Texas Pharmacy Association**
  State agency advocating for pharmacy professionals.
Information Evaluation

When answering a drug information question or making drug recommendations, be sure to consider the following:

- Compliance with national pharmacy standards/best practices guidelines as established in the United States Pharmacopeia or the best practices for pharmacy technicians provided by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board;
- Compliance with treatment protocols/standards of the medical community;
- Authority of the information source – a reviewed article or website supported by a professional organization.

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