

New information and significant changes

- Every monograph has been reviewed with **60 new medicines** added and a total of more than 500 featured.
- Our review team for this edition comprised some 50 pharmacists and nurses with practical expertise in a wide variety of clinical specialities.
- Extension of **paediatric information** to now include more than 240 monographs, with administration advice expanded to include the IM and subcutaneous routes.
- Expanded range of imported medicine monographs to assist with increased demand in a time of drug shortages. With a total of 55 **imported medicine monographs**, 24 are new to this edition.



- New section on **time-critical medicines** to assist in identifying those medicines where a delay of more than 30 minutes from the scheduled administration time may cause patient harm. Medicines that may be considered time-critical are easily identified by the yellow icon on the top right corner of the monograph.



- Fully revised section on potentially **hazardous medicines** and occupational risk. Medicines can now be quickly and easily identified as **cytotoxic** or **cancer therapy** with the introduction of new icons on the top right corner of the monograph. Monographs with updated handling advice include:



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| - Ciclosporin | - Palifermin | - Tacrolimus |
| - Foscarnet | - Phenytoin | |
| - Mycophenolate | - Sodium valproate | |

- Updated allergy warnings for **penicillins**, **cephalosporins** and **carbapenems**.
- CoPAT information updated and extended to now include stability information for 23 antibiotics, with new information for:

- Ampicillin	- Cefazolin	- Piperacillin-tazobactam.
- Aztreonam	- Ceftazidime-avibactam	

- Simplified guide to **infusion rate calculations**, now hyperlinked from selected monographs.
- New guidance for priority use of smart pumps.
- Expanded information about IM injections including recommended volumes for different sites for both adults and children, easily accessed by a hyperlink within selected monographs.
- Addition of a comparative table for **phosphates** to help avoid confusion associated with the different presentations available.
- Expanded information about minimising the risk of staining with **IV iron infusions**.
- Changes to individual monographs are too numerous to list here, however those monographs with potentially important updated *Administration* information include:

- Ampicillin	- Clonidine	- Lorazepam
- Antithymocyte globulin (equine)	- Dobutamine	- Milrinone
- Atropine	- Fat emulsion	- Mycophenolate
- Aztreonam	- Fosaprepitant	- Phenobarbital
- Bortezomib	- Iloprost	- Prochlorperazine
- Calcium chloride	- Labetalol	- Sodium bicarbonate
- Calcium gluconate	- Lacosamide	- Terlipressin
- Ceftazidime-avibactam	- Levetiracetam	- Urokinase.
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