Citing Drug Databases in Citing Medicine (NLM) Style

While you can use a citation manager such as Zotero for generating book and journal article citations, they will not work for database citations. To cite drug databases you will need to follow the format in the Citing Medicine manual that is specified for databases.

The full Citing Medicine manual is freely available here: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7256/. Chapter 24, the section on citing databases, is available here: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7273/. If desired, you can download a PDF copy to save to your computer for easy referencing.

For databases such as Micromedex, Lexicomp, and Natural Medicines, you will typically be following Chapter 24, Part B – Parts of Databases/Datasets on the Internet. See below for general information about the database publishers as well as some examples of how you might cite different parts of these databases.

General Information on Publishers and Locations:
Micromedex = Greenwood Village (CO): IBM Watson Health
Natural Medicines = Stockton (CA): Therapeutic Research Center

Sample Citation


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Micromedex Examples

Drug monograph, Quick Answers

Drug Monograph, In-Depth Answers

Drug Interactions

Lexicomp Examples

Drug Monograph


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Natural Medicines Examples

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Other Guidance

Locating the date of last revision/update/modification
Micromedex: date is at the bottom of the References section
Lexicomp: date is at the bottom of the monograph and next to the monograph name on the search results screen
Natural Medicines: date is at the bottom of the monograph

Subdatabases
Micromedex:
• AltMedDex
• CareNotes
• DRUGDEX [In-Depth Answers in monograph]
• DrugPoint [Quick Answers in monograph]
• DRUG-REAX [Drug Interactions tool]
• IV Compatibility [this pulls from the Handbook on Injectable Drugs]
• IDENTIDEX [Drug ID tool]
• POISINDEX [In-Depth Answers in toxicology monograph]
• RED BOOK
• ToxPoint [Quick Answers in toxicology monograph]

Note: The Micromedex subdatabase can be identified by clicking “Print” from within the database page and looking at the top of the resulting print preview document, which will list the name of the subdatabase being used.
Lexicomp:
- AHFS DI (Adult and Pediatric)
- AHFS Essentials (Adult and Pediatric)
- Briggs Drugs in Pregnancy & Lactation
- Drug Allergy and Idiosyncratic Reactions
- Facts and Comparisons Off-Label
- Facts and Comparisons REMS
- Geriatric Lexi-Drugs [equivalent to print Geriatric Dosage Handbook]
- Infectious Diseases
- Lab Tests and Diagnostic Procedures [equivalent to print Laboratory Test Handbook]
- Lexi-Drugs
- Lexi-Drug ID
- Lexi-Interact
- Lexi-Tox
- Patient Education – Disease and Procedure
- Patient Education – Adult Medication
- Patient Education – Pediatric Medication
- Patient Education – Natural Products
- Pediatric and Neonatal Lexi-Drugs [equivalent to print Pediatric Dosage Handbook]
- Pharmacogenomics
- Pregnancy and Lactation, In-Depth
- Natural Products Database [aka Review of Natural Products]
- Trissel’s IV Compatibility [this pulls from the Handbook on Injectable Drugs]

Note: The Lexicomp subdatabase can be identified by looking at the top of the page you are on, or referring back to the search results page and confirming which resource you selected.

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