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Welcome to the first edition of the e-Therapeutics Newsletter!

This new communication tool has been designed and created for you — the users and stakeholders of e-Therapeutics. Its goal is to keep you up to date and informed of the progress of the project and to ensure that e-Therapeutics continues to be enhanced to meet your needs.



We are very excited to announce that Phase 3 of e-Therapeutics was released, ahead of schedule, on November 29, 2005! The improved portal contains an array of new features, each one designed to provide point-of-care access to current, Canadian therapeutic information.

A vital addition to Phase 3 is the inclusion of the full content and functionality of the e-CPS, our award-winning electronic version of the *Compendium of Pharmaceuticals & Specialties*. e-CPS gives you access to over 2500 searchable drug monographs. Print functionality has also been incorporated, from which you can easily print monographs in whole or in part. e-CPS also offers: Clin-Info, a quick-reference clinical information and practice tool to assist health care professionals in the safe and effective use of drugs; the product identification tool which can be used to identify drugs by description; a monthly updates table; and more!

Another exciting feature in Phase 3 is the addition of patient information pages from our publication *Patient Self Care: Helping Patients Make Therapeutic Choices*. This feature provides printable, easy-to-read information on various conditions and aims to help patients become the centre of their own health care.

Other features offered in Phase 3 include:

- Content from the 4th edition of CPhA's *Therapeutic Choices*, with updated information for osteoarthritis and peptic ulcer disease
- Lexi-Comp's Lexi-Interact™, providing comprehensive drug-to-drug, drug-to-herb and herb-to-herb interaction information
- New Health Canada alerts and warnings, linked directly from applicable drug monographs
- Links to formularies, criteria and forms for government drug plans
- Links to other online clinical resources
- What's new section on the home page which lists all new content and updates contained in the portal
- More conditions and drug content in the Drug Choices module of the e-Therapeutics Mobile Companion for Palm and Pocket PC devices

Thank you for helping us make a difference to drug-therapy practices in Canada. Throughout development, e-Therapeutics has relied on the feedback from users and stakeholders to improve functionality, navigation, esthetics and content. We hope that this newsletter will allow us to share our progress and successes with you.

We would love to hear from you. If you have any questions, comments or story ideas for the e-Therapeutics Newsletter, please email them to e-therapeutics@pharmacists.ca.

Upcoming Conferences

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP)
Professional Practice Conference
January 28–February 1, 2006
Westin Harbour Castle
Toronto, Ontario

Drop by booth #411 in the Metropolitan Ballroom in the Westin Harbour Castle on **January 30 and 31** to learn what's new with e-Therapeutics and help us inspire others!


Name the newsletter contest

Are you witty? Imaginative? Creative?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we need your help!

Our new newsletter needs a name!

Please send your ideas to e-therapeutics@pharmacists.ca before January 30th, 2006.

 If your suggestion is chosen you will receive a 64Mb USB flash drive from e-Therapeutics!

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"Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to use e-Therapeutics. I think that it is only in using this type of reference that you gain the confidence and realize the importance and convenience of such an important reference at your fingertips"

Community Pharmacist, Ottawa, Ontario