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"An Excellent Canadian Resource"

Why do YOU subscribe to e-CPS or e-Therapeutics+?

We wanted to hear from you. In January 2007, CPhA set out to rate user satisfaction for our e-products. We wanted to find out what we're doing right, and what we could be doing better. Over 500 e-CPS English, e-CPS French and e-Therapeutics+ users took the time to answer our questions, providing some of the highest response rates we've received to date for a CPhA product survey.

So, what did you think?

e-CPS

Our surveys found that the top reasons for using e-CPS were the same for subscribers to both the English and French versions of the *Compendium of Pharmaceuticals & Specialties*.

Top three reasons for using e-CPS

1. "e-CPS provides me with the drug information that I need."
2. "I get Canadian content."
3. "The information in e-CPS comes from a credible source."

Traditional CPS users are integrating e-CPS into their practices. Well over half of our respondents (70% English and 61% French) stated that they use both CPS print and e-CPS. Of those, 66% of English respondents and 50% of French respondents said that they use e-CPS more than the print version. We also found that 95% of respondents agreed that "e-CPS is easy to use" and 90% agreed that "It's fast to find drug information using e-CPS."

e-Therapeutics+

Our e-Therapeutics+ survey found that more than three-quarters of respondents use this online drug and therapeutic resource at least once a week. The majority of survey respondents (59%) indicated that they also use *Therapeutic Choices* in print, but, of those who use **both** print and "e", two-thirds said that they use e-Therapeutics+ more than they use *Therapeutic Choices*.

Top three reasons for using e-Therapeutics+

1. "I find e-Therapeutics to be a centralized resource for the information I require."
2. "I get Canadian content."
3. "e-Therapeutics provides me with a reliable source of evidence-based medicine."

Nine out of ten survey respondents rated e-Therapeutics+ as "good" or "excellent". In addition, 94% of respondents agreed that "e-Therapeutics is a valuable source of evidence-based drug and therapeutic information" and 92% agreed that "e-Therapeutics is easy to use."

CPhA is working tirelessly to keep our e-products current, convenient and useful to you. Your opinions help us work toward making e-CPS and e-Therapeutics+ better and better. Thank you to all subscribers who responded to our surveys!



"The Canadian Pharmacists Association is heading in the right direction."
- e-CPS subscriber

"An excellent Canadian resource."
- Ontario Librarian

Have you seen ... the Relative Drug Cost Information?

Each drug table in e-Therapeutics+ contains cost information to help you determine the relative costs of treatments for your patients. Costs are indicated by \$ symbols; actual costs are shown occasionally. As treatment periods and dosages vary, each legend is customized for the therapeutic condition and length of treatment. CPhA consults the Ontario Drug Benefits formulary, the McKesson Catalogue and manufacturer list prices to determine relative drug costs but does not include a mark-up or dispensing fee.

Respiratory Disorders: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Table 4: Drugs Used in the Treatment of COPD

Class	Drug	Dose	Adverse Effects	Cost ^a
Inhaled Beta ₂ -agonists, Short-acting (SABA)	<i>fenoterol</i> Berotec Inhalation Aerosol , Berotec Inhalation Solution	MDI 100 µg/puff: 1 puff TID-QID PRN; max 8 puffs/day Nebules 0.5-1 mg Q6H PRN; max 2.5 mg	Tremor, nervousness, hypokalemia, tachycardia, palpitations.	\$

Legend: \$ < \$15 \$-\$\$ < \$15-30 \$\$ \$15-30 \$-\$\$\$ < \$15-45 \$\$\$ \$30-45 \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ \$15->45 \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ \$30->45 \$\$\$\$ > \$45

Abbreviations: BMD=bone mineral density; MDI=metered dose inhaler; DPI=dry powder inhaler



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