Up-to-date drug information

Cauchon and Leduc’s article,1 “Finding the right information at the right time. Part 1: Drugs, reference books, clinical practice guidelines,” notes that a new medication cannot be found in the Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS).

The Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) is a major publisher of drug and therapeutic information in Canada, including the CPS, the Compendium of Nonprescription Products (CNP), Therapeutic Choices, the Nonprescription Drug Reference for Health Professionals, and Herbs: Everyday Reference for Health Professionals. We have addressed the problem of lack of information on new Canadian products before they are included in the CPS by publishing an update on our website (www.cdnpharm.ca).

Select “CPS/CNP Updates,” which brings users to a table listing new products, newly approved indications for drugs, and other information of interest to health care practitioners.

We also publish the product monographs as soon as they are available. This service continues CPhA’s tradition of providing timely, high-quality drug information and is available free at www.cdnpharm.ca simply by selecting the appropriate product from the “CPS/CNP Updates” table.

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