

UpToDate Database Description

Description:

UpToDate is a clinical resource designed to assist with diagnosis and treatment. Information is presented in the form of topic reviews, each one addressing a particular clinical issue; those on treatment or management topics include recommendations. Topic reviews contain links to other related topics and are fully illustrated and referenced. You can view related charts, x-rays, photographs, movies and Medline abstracts by clicking on the associated links. There is complete access to an extensive drug database. UpToDate contains the equivalent of 50,000 pages of original, peer-reviewed text.

Information Type:

- Citations? No
- Abstracts? No
- Full Text? Yes

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UpToDate is an peer reviewed medical information resource published by a medical company called **UpToDate, Inc.** It is available both via the Internet and offline on personal computers or a PDA. An update is published every four months.

The material is written by over 3600 clinicians and has over 7300 topics. It also includes a drug database and a list of medical calculators. Research shows that UpToDate is a frequently used tool preferred by physicians and students over several alternatives.^{[1][2][3][4]} It also has information for patients.

The website was launched in 1992 by Dr. Burton D. Rose along with Dr. Joseph Rush.

Resources

The website has different types of resources available. Including:

- Medical information.
- Free patient information.^[5]
- A drug information database by Lexi-Comp.
- Drug interactions by Lexi-Comp.
- Medical calculators.

Cost

Many of the services require a subscription: for example, in 2011 a new online subscription for 1 year costs \$495, \$195 for trainees. Renewals and longer subscriptions are less expensive. For institutional or group practices, prices vary. An offline version for personal computers costs \$1495 per year (all prices exclude shipping and handling).

Recommendations

UpToDate is recommended by the American Academy of Family Physicians and an official educational program of or offered in cooperation with the American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Rheumatology, American Gastroenterological Association, American Thoracic Society, Society of General Internal Medicine and The Endocrine Society. It offers credits for continuing medical education for physicians and nurse practitioners.

UpToDate Medical Database

UpToDate is a comprehensive, current and unbiased online medical database that is available to you free of charge.

UpToDate is used by physicians at major academic medical centers worldwide for complete and current medical information to answer their clinical questions. Our Baystate Ob/Gyn

practitioners use UpToDate to help stay on top of the latest diagnosis and treatment recommendations, so that our patients get the best possible care.

We believe that by being educated about your diagnosis and treatment options that you can partner with us in your healthcare - for the best possible results. Many patients use UpToDate to better understand what tests need to be done and why, to get details on treatment options, or perhaps to help family members to better understand their medical conditions. You can read more about UpToDate Patient Stories on the website.

Throughout our website you will see the UpToDate Search Box in the right column of many of the pages. We encourage you to use this valuable tool to help you make medical decisions, to gain confidence in your treatment plan, or perhaps to weigh the risks and benefits of treatment options.

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