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Journal Articles:

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**Recent News:**

*Government accused of seeking to implement €45 million tax cuts to pharmacies funding*

*Irish scientist wins ‘Nobel Prize of pharmaceutical research’ for inventing new drug discovery method*

*UK pharmacists see shortages of every major type of medicine - but is it Brexit?*

*The potential of the Indian pharmaceutical industry*

*Pharmaceutical industry must fund clinical trials of medical cannabis, Royal College of Psychiatrists says*

*Irish healthcare workers among best informed in Europe about antibiotic use*

*Mayo chemists demanding reversal of recession era cutbacks*

*After Zantac scare, FDA targets generic metformin for carcinogen tests*

*The Brexit test: protecting pharmaceutical quality standards through better analysis*

*Brexit Costs EMA Almost €60M in 2019*

*US pharma companies really do want Britain to pay more for drugs*

*Is the pharmaceutical industry at risk of losing new dads at work?*

*Irish pharmaceutical maker succeeds in case against MSD in patent rights row*

*Tufts University to remove Sackler name from its buildings*

*Are we ready for men to take the pill?*

*Drugs firms reach $260m US opioid settlement*

*Irish Pharmacy Union says ‘unjust’ cuts to fees will hit rural pharmacies*

*Keane’s Pharmacies now autism friendly*
Useful Websites and Mobile Apps for drug information

HSE staff have access to the electronic version of the BNF and the BNF for Children. Go to this page for access. You will need to click on “log in”, choose the OpenAthens option, enter “Health Service Executive” from the list and then log in using your OpenAthens credentials.

Drug information can also be obtained from our point-of-care tools. UpToDate provides both drug information as well as a drugs interactions section. ClinicalKey also contains a drug monographs section. To access these tools outside of the network, you will need to have an OpenAthens account, please click here to set one up. Apps are also available for these two point-of-care tools. Contact ronan.hegarty@hse.ie for more information.

eBooks relating to Medicine/Drugs/Pharmacology

Several useful ebooks related to this topic can be found from the books section of ClinicalKey. To access these ebooks outside of the network, you will need to have an OpenAthens account, please click here to set one up.

This quarter’s featured ebook is Clinical Challenges in Therapeutic Drug Monitoring.

Clinical Challenges in Therapeutic Drug Monitoring: Special Populations, Physiological Conditions and Pharmacogenomics focuses on critical issues in therapeutic drug monitoring including special requirements of therapeutic drug monitoring important to special populations (infants and children, pregnant women, elderly patients, and obese patients). The book also covers issues of free drug monitoring and common interferences in using immunoassays for therapeutic drug monitoring.

A direct link to the ebook is available here.