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### **AutoUpdate to Keep Your Information Current**

Our AutoUpdate feature enables you to download unlimited updates throughout your subscription period. Our dedicated editorial team updates Epocrates content at least once a week with new drugs, diseases, tests, alternative medicines, tables, indications, drug recalls and formulary status changes. In addition, you'll receive DocAlert messages, alerting you to safety issues from FDA MedWatch, CDC and ISMP.

We recommend you AutoUpdate at least weekly to keep your information current.

To AutoUpdate:

1. Connect your computer to the Internet
2. Plug your synchronization cable into your device or place your device in its cradle to activate ActiveSync. Please note that you cannot AutoUpdate by

clicking on the Sync icon in the ActiveSync console.

For more detailed instructions please [click here](#).

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## **Check drug-drug interactions or IV compatibility using MultiCheck**

In Rx, tap on the red 'M' icon to launch the powerful MultiCheck feature.

*To check for drug-drug interactions:*

- Select 2 to 30 drugs and/or alternative medicines and tap "Drugs".
- Interactions between pairs of drugs (if any) will be shown with a <-> symbol and organized by clinically useful categories.
- Tap on a drug-drug interaction pair for a concise description of the interaction.
- Tap on the caret (^) to see drugs in that category.

*To check IV drug-solution compatibility:*

- Select 1 drug or IV product and tap "IV".
- IV compatibility information (sourced from the King® Guide) will be shown with a <-> symbol and organized by compatibility category.

*To check drug-drug-solution compatibility:*

- Select 2 to 30 drugs or IV products and tap "IV". IV compatibility information will be shown with a series of <-> symbols and organized by compatibility category.

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## **Jump From Epocrates ID to Epocrates Rx and Back**

Within Epocrates ID "Empiric Tx" and "Specific Tx" sections, tap on any drug that is green and underlined to jump to the corresponding drug monograph in Epocrates Rx.

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## **Look up Abbreviations**

Tap on 'e', "Options" and "Abbreviations" on the top navigation bar to access a list of abbreviations and codes used in Epocrates Rx.

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## Look up Special Dosing Information

Where appropriate, the Adult/Peds Dosing sections of a drug monograph include "Renal Dosing", "Hepatic Dosing", and off-label indications (identified with an asterisk (\*)).

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## Search by Indication, Adverse Reaction and More

Use the Epocrates Find feature to search within specific information categories:

- Tap on the magnifying glass symbol.
- Type or write a term you want to find.
- Select the category you want to search in e.g. Drugs--Indications.

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## Download Drug Formularies

Only Epocrates works with managed care companies to give you access to hundreds of continually-updated health plan and hospital formularies. Use the formulary feature to reduce pharmacy callbacks and help patients save money on their prescriptions.

- Go to [www.epocrates.com](http://www.epocrates.com) and click on "Add formularies".
- You may select as many formularies as you like (providing you have enough free memory on your PDA) and you may edit your formulary selection as often as you like.
- AutoUpdate to download your selected formularies to your PDA.

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## Look up Formulary Information

After selecting and downloading formularies from the Epocrates website ...

- Select a formulary from the drop-down menu at the top of the Rx screen.
- Status codes for that formulary will appear on the right hand side of the drug list.
- Check drug coverage - tap on the formulary code for a drug to view insurance details and search for cost-effective alternatives. If a code is bolded, important

prescribing information is available.

- Find a cost-effective treatment - search "By Class" to view drugs in the same class sorted by formulary status or drug name.

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## **Tailor Epocrates Rx Pro to Suit Your Needs**

For your convenience, we encourage you to customize Epocrates Rx Pro to suit your workflow.

- In Rx, tap on "Tools" at the bottom of the screen and select "Preferences".
- Choose your default scrolling side (useful if you are left-handed), your default monograph section (Adult Dosing, Peds Dosing, etc.) and more.
- To customize another tab or application you may have, go to that tab first and then navigate to "Preferences".

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