

Introduction to Healthcare Series

Healthcare Series has been designed to make it easy for clinicians to find the information they need as quickly as possible, the user interface logical, the layout complementary to workflow, and moving through the application intuitive. Below is a quick introduction to the anatomy and search capabilities of Healthcare Series.

Anatomy of the Healthcare Series Pages

The first page you see after you sign on to the Micromedex® Healthcare Series is the Main > Keyword Search page, also known as the Home page.

Tabs in Healthcare Series

Basic navigation in Healthcare Series is via the tabs located across the top:



Use **Main - Keyword Search** for fast access to your information requests, across all documents containing indexed terms matching your keywords in selected drug, disease, and lab information databases.

Use **Main - Calculators** for fast access to commonly used calculators, dosing tools, nomograms, and clinical references.

Use the **Drugs** tab to search for summary or detailed drug information, to identify drugs, compare drugs side-by-side, or search for drug information by therapeutic class. You can also search specific drug databases such as Alternative Medicine.

Search **Toxicology** for toxicology treatment information, clinical effects, range of toxicity, and more. Look up a product name, imprint code, or slang term.

Use the **Disease** tab to search for general and emergency disease treatment information, or differential diagnosis information.

Use the **Labs** tab to search for assistance with interpreting and managing clinical laboratory test information.

Search **IV Compatibility** for fast, easy-to-interpret answers to intravenous (IV) compatibility questions and for in-depth study information.

Use **Interactions** to calculate multiple drug interactions for a list of drugs, or to view single interactions on one drug. Interactions results display drug-drug, drug-food, drug-ethanol, drug-tobacco, drug-lab test, drug-pregnancy, drug lactation, ingredient duplication, and drug-allergy interaction information.


The **Patient Education** subscription allows you to print fully referenced patient education materials on condition, treatment, follow-up care, and continuing health concerns.

Subscribers to **Formulary Advisor**® will see the Formulary tab, which links directly to real-time, point of care access to your facility's formulary.

Click the **Handheld PDA** tab to register and download trusted, evidence-based information to your mobile device.

Miscellaneous Navigation

The **Breadcrumb navigation** displays the current page's context within the Healthcare Series application. Jump back to any of the previous pages in the search by clicking the hypertext link name.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series application. It includes the Thomson logo, the title 'MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series', and a 'Switch to Point of Care Interface' button. Below the title are several navigation tabs: Main, Drugs, Toxicology, Disease, Labs, IV Compatibility, Interactions, Patient Ed, Formulary, and Handheld PDA. A message reads 'Need Clinical Information at the point of care? Click here to learn more.' To the right are icons for Print Ready, Calculators, Subscription Details, and Page Help. A breadcrumb trail is visible: 'Search Path: Main Keyword Search > Initial Results > Document'. A 'Breadcrumb' button is highlighted.

- The **Calculators** icon and link opens the same calculators page as is available from the Main tab.
- The **Subscription Details** icon and link opens a new window that lists all the products, databases, and features in the Healthcare Series with a current subscription at your facility.
- The **Page Help** icon and link opens the online help function specific to the page or topic you are currently viewing.
- To prevent unauthorized access to the Healthcare Series application, it is recommended that you log out using the button when you step away from your PC monitor.

 Click the logo to jump to our Web site.

 Log out by clicking either the icon or the link.

 Click to return to the initial Log In page.

In addition to the basic search tabs, Healthcare Series also offers additional information, help, and navigation via hypertext footer links at the bottom of almost every page.



The screenshot shows a row of footer links: Home | Contact Us | Content Updates | Training Center | Warranty and Disclaimer | Editorial Info | About Us | Help | Log Out. Below the links is a copyright notice: Copyright © 1974-2007 Thomson MICROMEDEX. All rights reserved. MICROMEDEX(R) Healthcare Series USP DI® and Advice for States Pharmacopeia until January 1, 2004, and now entirely edited and maintained by Thomson Healthcare, Inc.

- The **Home** page link is available from any page in Healthcare Series. Click the link to return to the Main Keyword Search page.
- Click the **Contact Us** link for a list of Thomson Healthcare contact information.
- Click the **Content Updates** link to view a report of the new data and information included in the latest release of Healthcare Series.
- Learn about training services and resources via the **Training Center** link.
- **Warranty and Disclaimer** displays the Healthcare Series warranty and disclaimer.
- For information on the Thomson Healthcare editorial process and Editorial Boards, click on **Editorial Info**.
- **About Us** provides information about Thomson Healthcare.
- The **Help** link at the bottom of each page allows you to browse all help topics from the Table of Contents.

Alternate Interface

Now you have a choice of interfaces to access the decision support you trust.

Simply click  in the upper right corner of the main page.

