Incredibly useful web sites: Drugs

Persons with Alzheimer’s, families, and professional caregivers are often looking for good Internet resources. Identified here are Web sites on drugs therapies for Alzheimer’s and related issues. While there may be some overlap, each site is unique and aimed at providing current, practical, and expert information.

Alzheimer’s Association
Chicago, IL

*FDA treatments for Alzheimer’s disease* (topic sheet)

*Take medication safely* (topic sheet)

*10 things you should know about clinical trials.*
Alzheimer’s Disease International
London, UK
Describes the factors involved in participation and pros and cons, how trials work, and what to know before you sign on.
Alzheimer.gov
Bethesda, MD.
*Alzheimer’s Disease Medications Fact Sheet.*
Drugs prescribed for mild to moderate and moderate to severe stages of the disease, dosage, side effects, drug interactions are covered.

*Clinical Trials.*

ClinicalTrials.gov.
Bethesda, MD.
Regularly updated information about federally and privately supported clinical research with human volunteers and much related to drug research. Provides information about a trial's purpose, who may participate, locations, and phone numbers and whether a trial is still recruiting.

Medicare: The Official U.S Government Site for People with Medicare.
Baltimore, MD.
*Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder.*

Whitehouse Station, NJ.
*Aging and Drugs* explains the sensitivity older people may have to medicine, compliance issues, and drugs that increase risk.
Comparing Alzheimer’s Drugs
Dean, L.

Bethesda, MD.
Drug Information.
Provides prescription and over-the-counter medication information.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.
Washington, DC
Medicines in Development: Alzheimer’s Disease
http://www.phrma.org/research/medicines-development-alzheimers-disease

RxList: The Internet Drug Index.
Rancho Sante Fe, CA.
A searchable database for identifying drugs, their side effects, interactions, imprint codes (unique identifications of the drug products) and more.

Therapeutics.
Alzheimer Research Forum.
Waltham, MA.
“This database provides a catalog of the therapeutics currently or previously tested as treatment for Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders, focusing on those that have progressed to Phase 2 or beyond in U.S. clinical Trials.”
U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
Rockville, MD.

*FDA Public Health Advisory. Deaths with Antipsychotics in Elderly Patients with Behavioral Disturbances.*
Based on a review of seventeen clinical trials, the FDA has asked manufacturers of atypical antipsychotic drugs to include a Boxed Warning in their labeling describing the risk of death during treatment and noting that these drugs are not approved for persons with dementia.

*Atypical Antipsychotic Drugs Information.*
Fact sheets on seven atypical antipsychotic drugs.

Rockville, MD.
This agency sets the public quality standards for all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, dietary supplements, and other healthcare products manufactured in the United States.

WebMD.
New York, NY.
*Alzheimer’s Disease Frequently Asked Questions.* 1. *Are there any medications that someone with Alzheimer's disease should avoid?*
Printable question and answer on certain medications and persons with Alzheimer’s disease.