

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)

http://www.alz.org/national/documents/topicsheet_treatments.pdf

Accessed March 2019.

Take medication safely (topic sheet)

http://www.alz.org/national/documents/topicsheet_medsafety.pdf

Accessed March 2019.

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.

<https://www.alz.co.uk/clinical-trials/things-to-know>. Accessed March 2019.

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.

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/how-alzheimers-disease-treated>. Accessed March 2019.

Clinical Trials.

A database on clinical trials searchable by city, state, disease stage, drug, and more is provided here by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and National Institute on Aging. <https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/clinical-trials#public>. Accessed March 2019.

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.

<http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct/gui> Accessed March 2019.

Medicare: The Official U.S Government Site for People with Medicare.
Baltimore, MD.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder.

Information about Medicare prescription drug plans, how they work, and how to enroll.

<https://www.medicare.gov/part-d/index.html> Accessed March 2019.

Merck Manual Home Edition.
Whitehouse Station, NJ.

Ageing and Drugs explains the sensitivity older people may have to medicine, compliance issues, and drugs that increase risk.

http://www.merckmanuals.com/home/older_peoples_health_issues/ageing_and_drugs/ageing_and_drugs.html Accessed March 2019.

National Center of Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

Bethesda, MD

Comparing Alzheimer's Drugs

Dean, L.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK45591> Accessed March 2019.

National Library of Medicine - MedlinePlus.

Bethesda, MD.

Drug Information.

Provides prescription and over-the-counter medication information.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html> Accessed March 2019.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

Washington, DC

Medicines in Development: Alzheimer's Disease

<http://www.phrma.org/research/medicines-development-alzheimers-disease>

Accessed March 2019.

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.

<http://rxlist.com> Accessed March 2019.

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.”

<https://www.alzforum.org/therapeutics>. Accessed March 2019.

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.

<http://psychrights.org/drugs/FDAantipsychotics4elderlywarning.htm>. Accessed March 2019.

Atypical Antipsychotic Drugs Information.

Fact sheets on seven atypical antipsychotic drugs.

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/PostmarketDrugSafetyInformationforPatientsandProviders/ucm094303.htm> Accessed March 2019.

USP: United States Pharmacopeia.
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.

<http://www.usp.org> Accessed March 2019.

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.

<http://www.webmd.com/alzheimers/caregivers-09/questions-answers>

Accessed March 2019.