

Home Page

The screenshot shows the AMH website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'PRODUCTS', 'ABOUT US', 'SUPPORT', and 'CONTACT AMH'. Below this, there are sections for 'BOOKS', 'ELECTRONIC', 'PACKAGES', and 'LICENCES'. The 'AMH Online' product is highlighted with a price of \$210.00 RRP. The page also includes a login section with fields for 'username' and 'password', and a 'Remember me' checkbox. Logos for RACGP, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, and ASCEPT are displayed at the bottom of the page.

Logo



URL

<https://shop.amh.net.au/products/electronic>

Subjects

Patent medicines—Australia—Handbook, manuals, etc.;
Drugs—Standards—Australia--Handbook, manuals, etc

Accessibility

On subscription

Language

English

Publisher

AMH Pty Ltd

Brief History

Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH) is a peer-reviewed pharmaceutical reference tool for Australian health professionals. The handbook comes into market in printed and digital form. In 1998, the handbook was published by AMH Pty Ltd which is founded by Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists. Till then the handbook is revised annually and provides up-to-date information.

Scope and Coverage

The philosophy of the AMH is to use the best available evidence to support prescribing and dispensing recommendations. The purpose of the AMH is two-fold: firstly, to provide a readily accessible, concise, up-to-date source of independent drug information to facilitate effective, rational, safe and economical prescribing and dispensing; secondly, to provide an educational tool for practitioners and students. The handbook includes clear and concise content, making it easy to find required information quickly. Recommendations incorporating the latest research and best practice data. Editors who understand users needs and concerns as busy health practitioners.

Kind of Information

The Australian Medicines Handbook is an important clinical resource for health practitioners concerned with the quality use of medicines. The comparative drug information makes it unique among drug reference tools on the market, as it allows users to compare drugs and make informed prescribing choices. In its resources the handbook provides class statements with common and comparative information on drugs of the same class or family. The substantial drug interactions section contains useful advice for clinicians on managing specific interactions. In this handbook the individual drug monographs are provided with indications, contra-indications, specific considerations, adverse effects, dosage, comparative information, brand names and products, PBS information, patient counseling and practice points, among other things. The article on **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease** is taken for example which shows the kind of information provided likely rational of drug uses, general measures, drug treatment of stable COPD, drug treatment of COPD exacerbations etc.

Special Features

- Appendices include drug interactions, body surface area, reference ranges for common laboratory indices.
- The handbook provides addresses of drug information centers, National organizations and government departments of Australia, drug company abbreviations and contact information.
- Includes calculators (Adult creatinine clearance, body mass index, body surface area, ideal bodyweight).
- The handbook is available in paper and digital formats and is supplemented by the *AMH Aged Care Companion* and the *AMH Children's Dosing Companion*.
- Therapeutic information documents clearly summarize evidence and clinical practice for some diseases to give context for drug treatment.

➤ AMH Online (including smartphone access) replaced AMH Mobile in January 2015.

Remarks

AHM online similar in size, and is easier to use. The layout, with headings and note form allow quick scanning to find the necessary information. Particularly useful features include the introductory segments that describe a general approach to treating each disease or group of diseases. These give comparative information about the relative value of different drugs. It is more than a 'pocketbook' for a white coat, but is easy to keep on a desk. The Australian medicines handbook is independent, evidence based national drug reference of Australia and provides up-to-date source of drug information to the world also.

Comparable Tools

- Oxford Handbook of Clinical Medicine
(<http://oxfordmedicine.com/view/10.1093/med/9780199609628.001.0001/med-9780199609628>)
- The Renal Drug Handbook
(<https://renaldrugdatabase.com/>)
- Merck Manuals
(<https://www.merckmanuals.com/>)

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