



# INSTITUTIONAL user guide

Find Clinical Answers Quickly and Easily  
with UpToDate®

## Tap into the World's Largest Clinical Community

For 19 years, UpToDate has been providing our community of clinicians – now numbering over 450,000 – with unbiased, continuously updated, evidence-based decision support.

UpToDate is one of the world's most trusted clinical information resources. In fact, independent research shows that clinicians turn to UpToDate more than almost any other resource to find answers to their clinical questions.<sup>1</sup>

Find out for yourself why your colleagues prefer UpToDate to other information resources.

1. Source: Schilling LM, et al. *Acad Med*. 2005;80(1):51

## Comprehensive Features

UpToDate is committed to helping you find information quickly and easily. Here are some of the features we've added over the past 19 years:

- **A search engine feature** that allows you to search UpToDate instead of Google.
- **News from UpToDate**, a page that includes recent content updates, training opportunities and links to our newsletter.
- **Links to full text** for referenced articles (provided your institution subscribes to a service that allows this access).
- **What's New**, a summary of important new findings by specialty, including Practice Changing UpDates.
- **CME credit/CE contact hours/CPD time tracking** available when you access UpToDate from your hospital intranet or EMR.
- **A drug database and interactions program** (in partnership with Lexicomp®) with over 5,000 adult, pediatric, international and natural drugs.
- **Over 100 clinical calculators**, which eliminates the need to remember formulas or use separate devices.
- **Over 700 patient information topics** to help you educate your patients and encourage shared decision making.
- **A feedback button** that allows you to submit questions and comments to our editors.

Clinicians viewed over  
150 million UpToDate  
topics last year — and  
this number continues  
to grow.

# UpToDate Delivers Powerful Features

**Link to our newsletter.** (Callout to the 'FEEDBACK' link)

**Use the Find tool to search for a word or synonym within a topic.** (Callout to the search bar)

**Access patient information to share with your patients.** (Callout to the 'Patient' button)

**Print text, references, graphics or the entire topic.** (Callout to the 'Print' button)

**Submit questions and comments to our editors.** (Callout to the 'LOG' and 'FEEDBACK' buttons)

**Learn "What's New" by specialty since the last release.** (Callout to the 'What's New' tab)

**View a detailed outline within each topic.** (Callout to the 'TOPIC OUTLINE' sidebar)

**Click on a heading to go directly to the information you need.** (Callout to a sub-heading in the sidebar)

**Review treatment recommendations.** (Callout to the 'TREATMENT' section in the sidebar)

**Provide valuable feedback.** (Callout to the 'FEEDBACK' link)

**View the date when the topic was last updated.** (Callout to the 'Last literature review version 19.2: May 2011 | This topic last updated: February 14, 2011 (More)' text)

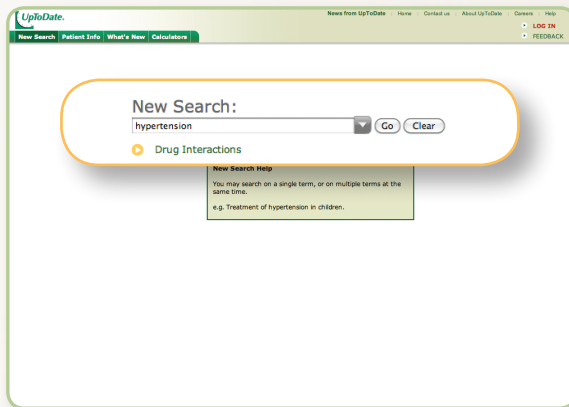
**Link to information about authors and editors.** (Callout to the 'Authors' and 'Section Editor' sections)

**Access related topics to find additional information.** (Callout to the 'More' link)

**Click to view a Medline abstract.** (Callout to the 'More' link)

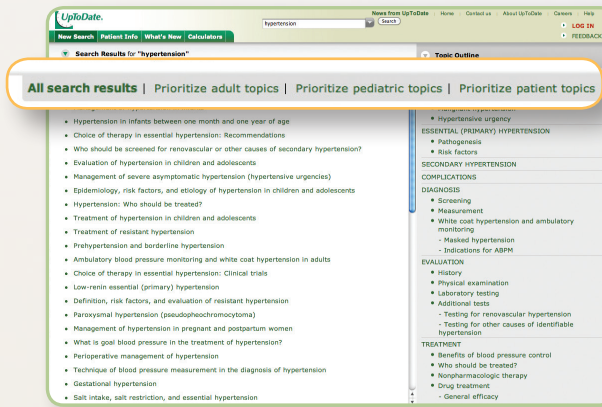
The screenshot shows the UpToDate website interface for the topic "Overview of hypertension in adults". The page includes a search bar at the top with "hypertension" entered. The navigation menu includes "New Search", "Patient Info", "What's New", and "Calculators". The main content area displays the "Overview of hypertension in adults" page, which lists authors (Frank J Domino, MD and Norman M Kaplan, MD), section editor (George L Bakris, MD), and deputy editor (John P Forman, MD, MSc). The page also shows the "Last literature review version 19.2: May 2011 | This topic last updated: February 14, 2011 (More)" and the "INTRODUCTION" section. The sidebar on the left contains a "TOPIC OUTLINE" with sections for INTRODUCTION, DEFINITIONS, ESSENTIAL (PRIMARY) HYPERTENSION, SECONDARY HYPERTENSION, COMPLICATIONS, DIAGNOSIS, EVALUATION, and TREATMENT. The bottom of the page features a feedback form: "Help improve UpToDate. Did UpToDate answer your question? Yes No".

# How to Answer Clinical Questions in UpToDate



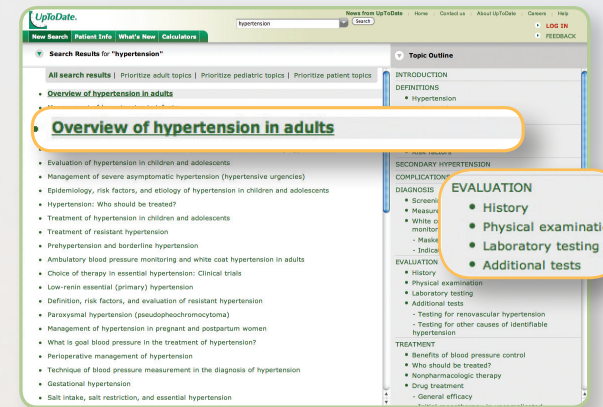
## 1 Enter a word or phrase in the New Search box.

The more specific your search, the more likely it will return the desired results. Enter text and click Go.



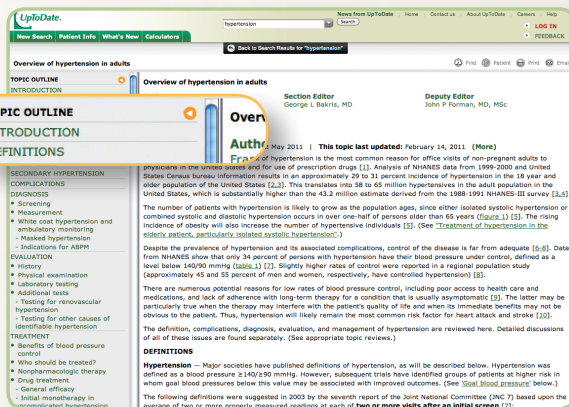
## 2 Prioritize the order in which topics appear on the Search Results page.

View the titles in the default order (**All search results**) or choose **Prioritize adult topics**, **Prioritize pediatric topics** or **Prioritize patient topics** to display adult, pediatric or patient topics first.



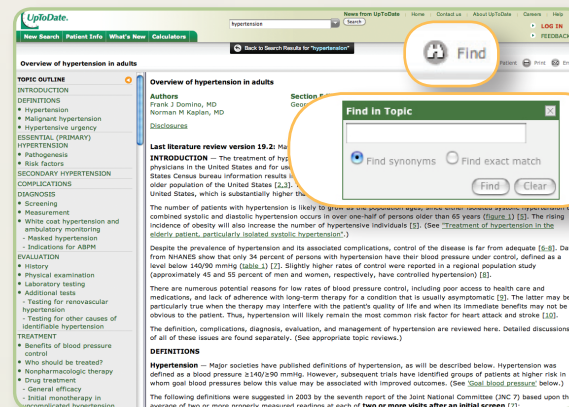
## 3 Access topics from the Search Results page.

Click on a topic title to display the topic; position the mouse pointer over the topic title to view the topic outline. And click on a heading within the outline to link to a specific section.



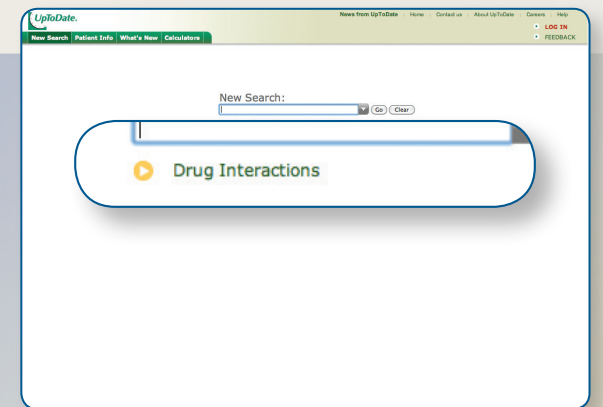
## 4 Use topic outlines.

Click on a heading in the outline to access the corresponding section of the topic. The topic outline also includes links to related topics and associated graphics.



## 5 Find text within topics.

Click **Find** and enter the text for which you want to search. Select **Find synonyms** if you want to find both exact matches and synonyms, or select **Find exact match** if you want to find only exact matches. Click **Find** to highlight all occurrences of the text. To clear highlighted text, click **Clear**.



## Access the drug interactions database\* (online only).

Click on the highlighted arrow on the search screen to review drug-to-drug, drug-to-herb, and herb-to-herb interactions with the Lexi-Interact™ drug interactions program.

\*In partnership with Lexicomp®

View the UpToDate demo at [www.uptodate.com/demo](http://www.uptodate.com/demo).

## Robust Content

UpToDate provides information on over 9,000 clinical topics in 18 specialties:

Adult and Pediatric Emergency Medicine  
Adult Primary Care and Internal Medicine  
Allergy and Immunology  
Cardiovascular Medicine  
Endocrinology and Diabetes  
Family Medicine  
Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
Geriatrics  
Hematology  
Hospital Medicine  
Infectious Diseases  
Nephrology and Hypertension  
Neurology  
Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health  
Oncology  
Pediatrics  
Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine  
Rheumatology

### Specialties in development:

Dermatology  
Psychiatry  
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