




# ePocrates RX User Guide

**ePocrates RX** is a free drug resource available from [www.epocrates.com](http://www.epocrates.com) for Palm OS devices only. **ePocrates RX Pro** is an enhanced, fee-based version, available for both Palm OS and Pocket PC.

## The Basic Search

Tap  ePocrates icon from the "All" applications screen.

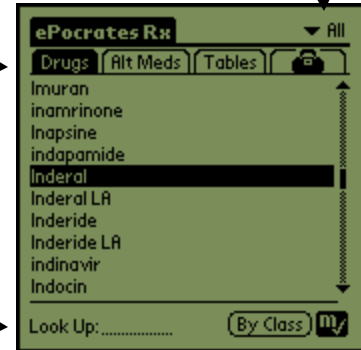
Select the "Drugs" tab to view an alphabetic list of brand names and generic names.

Scroll through the list and tap the name of the drug for detailed information

OR...

Enter the beginning letter(s) of a drug on the "Look Up:" line.

To search by drug class tap "By Class."



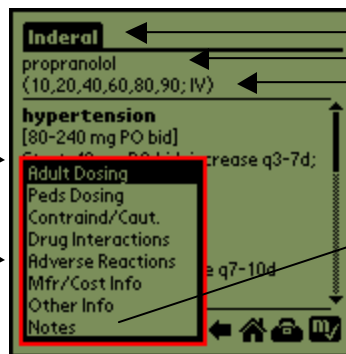
FDA Indication  
Dosage

From any information screen tap ▲ in the bottom left corner to quickly navigate to other information.

To view interactions select "Drug Interactions" from the navigation menu.

Tap entry from the list to view the pop-up box explaining the interaction.

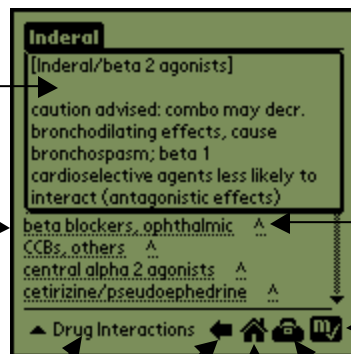
Click outside pop-up box to close it.



Brand Name  
Generic Name  
Formulations

"Other Info" includes...

- Pregnancy category
- Lactation Information
- Metabolism
- Excretion
- DEA Information
- Class
- Mechanism of action




Tap here for list of drugs in that class

MultiCheck

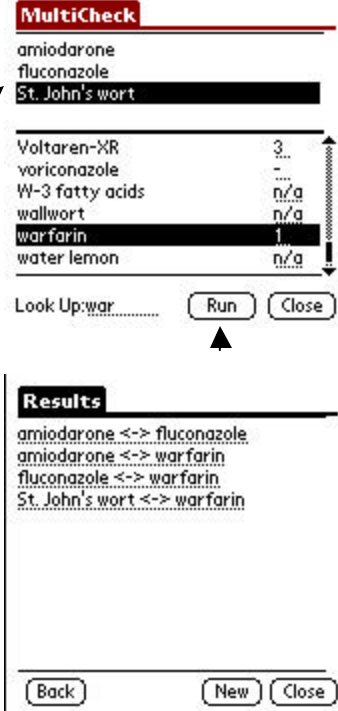
Current Screen    Back    Home    Tools

## **MultiCheck...**

...allows you to check interactions for up to 30 drugs at a time.

- ▶ Tap the MultiCheck icon  in the lower right corner.
- ▶ Select each drug you want to include, up to 30; selected drugs will appear in the upper box.
- ▶ Tap "Run" when you have completed your selections.
- ▶ Tap entry on results list to view the interactions information.

Tap "New" to select other drugs.  
Tap "Back" to return to results list.  
Tap "Close" to return to the drug information page.



The screenshot shows the MultiCheck interface. At the top, a red header reads "MultiCheck". Below it is a list of drugs: amiodarone, fluconazole, St. John's wort, Voltaren-XR, voriconazole, W-3 fatty acids, wallwort, warfarin, and water lemon. The drug "warfarin" is highlighted in black. To the right of the list, there are numerical values: 3, -, n/g, n/g, 1, and n/g. Below the list is a "Look Up: war" field with "Run" and "Close" buttons. An arrow points from the "Run" button to the "Results" section below. The "Results" section has a red header and lists interactions: amiodarone <-> fluconazole, amiodarone <-> warfarin, fluconazole <-> warfarin, and St. John's wort <-> warfarin. At the bottom are "Back", "New", and "Close" buttons.

## **Tools**

- ▶ DocAlert – provides three short and timely alerts each time you update your ePocrates software. Messages include news about the ePocrates database, tips for searching, medication safety alerts, practice management news, and clinical news.
- ▶ DocMemo – Using DocMemo you can save clinical guidelines, diagnostic tips, phone numbers, and messages. These can be beamed to patients or colleagues.

## **RX Pro Features** (ePocrates RX Pro only)

- ▶ AltMeds- Alternative medicine monographs and interactions include over 400 alternative medications with information about interactions, adverse reactions, reported uses, cautions and dosing.
- ▶ Tables – Clinical Tables and Guidelines include over 50 clinical tables and guidelines such as: narcotic equivalents; endocarditis prophylaxis; hypertension guidelines; statin comparisons; therapeutic drug levels. Also includes conversion tables for opiates, corticosteroids and other medical formulas.
- ▶ EpocratesID – Infectious Disease Application provides infectious disease information and treatment recommendations for over 300 diagnoses.

## Download/Install ePocrates

- ▶ Go to [www.epocrates.com](http://www.epocrates.com)
- ▶ New users will need to register; if you have already registered enter your username and password.
- ▶ Select the product that you want and click the "download" link.
- ▶ There are several steps to the installation process...



Note: **You will need to hotsync twice** to completely install ePocrates software.



### Step 1 – Download the Installer

Click here to download the installer file (Rx61.exe) to the desktop.

#### STEP ONE - Download Installer to Desktop

A. Click on the "Begin Download" button and **save the file to your computer's "Desktop"**

**Begin Download**

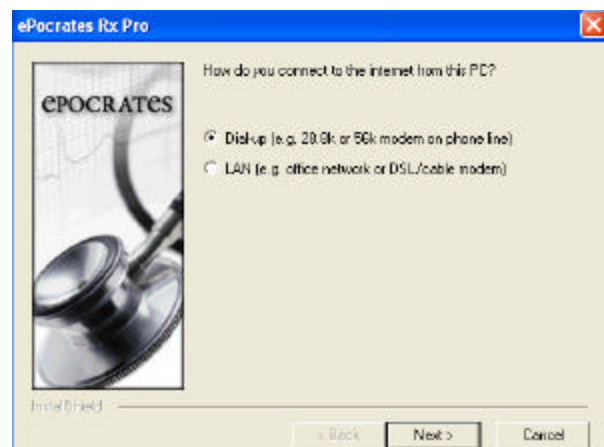
Double click the ePocrates icon on the desktop.

B. Find the "Rx61.exe" on your desktop and **double click on it**. Please answer all questions until you are finished.



During installation you will be prompted for information about your internet connection; select the option that applies to the connection that you will use for regular ePocrates synchronization.

Once the installation is complete you will be returned to the ePocrates installation screen.



## Step Two – Setup Configuration for HotSync

Click on "Set Up" button to configure AutoUpdate server.

### STEP TWO - Setup Configuration for HotSync

A. Click on "Set Up" button and follow the commands until finished

**Set Up**

B. **AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED** the set up procedure, click the button below to continue

**Click Here After Set Up Is Complete**

Once Set Up is done click here

## Step Three – Synchronize your handheld

Put the handheld in the cradle or attach to PC via USB connector and initiate synchronization.

Installation of the software will take several minutes depending on your connection speed.

After synchronization click here to continue

### STEP THREE - First HotSync: Install Software and Select Content

A. Place your device firmly in the device cradle and **PRESS THE "HOTSYNC BUTTON"** on your cradle (please allow 10-20 minutes)



B. **AFTER THE HOTSYNC IS COMPLETE,** click the button below to continue

**Click Here After Your HotSync Is Complete**

## Select formularies (optional)

### FORMULARY SELECTION

This lets you to access formulary information for some or all of the healthplans or hospitals in your area.

- TO SELECT FORMULARIES**
1. **Select state** of practice and **select type** of formulary
  2. Select formulary and click "**Add To My List**"
  3. When finished selecting formularies, click "**Continue Download Process**"

When finished with this screen click "Continue Download Process."

## Step Four – Synchronize your handheld

Synchronize the handheld again; this will also take several minutes.

### STEP FOUR - SECOND HOTSYNC: Download Clinical Information

A. Make sure your device is still firmly in the device cradle and **PRESS THE "HOTSYNC BUTTON"** on your cradle one last time (please allow 10-20 minutes)

B. **AFTER THE HOTSYNC IS COMPLETE,** click the button below to complete the installation

**Click Here After Your HotSync Is Complete**

Now you're done!