The New Zealand Formulary for Children

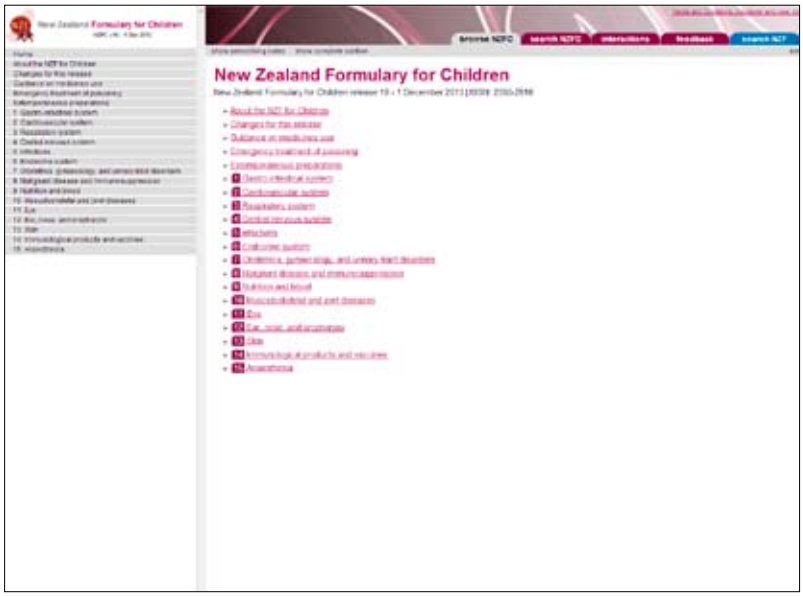
The New Zealand Formulary for children is now available

In November 2013, the New Zealand Formulary launched the NZFC – a New Zealand adaptation of the British National Formulary for Children.

The NZFC is available from: **www.nzfchildren.org.nz** or click the pink tab on the NZF home page.

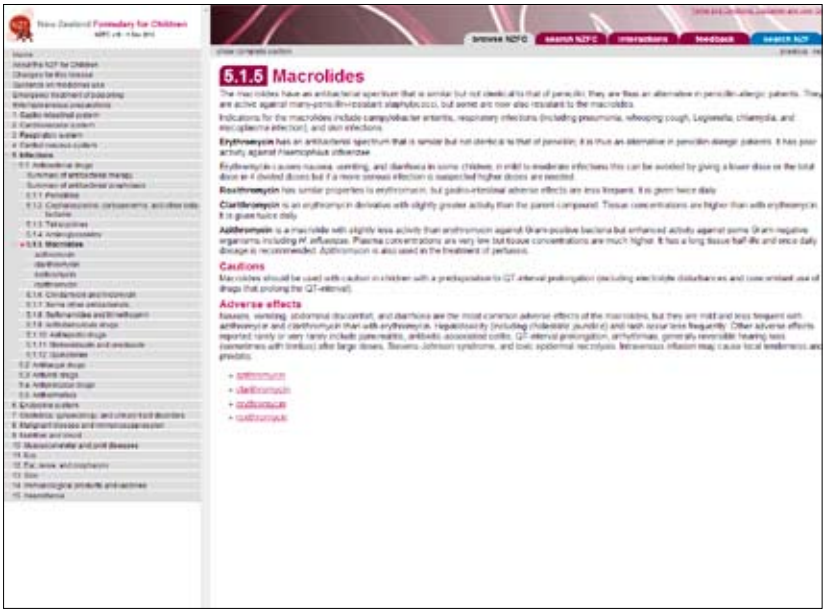
The NZFC

- Easily navigated, with searchable medicines information specifically for children
- Indications and doses reflect current New Zealand practice, with expert advice from New Zealand Paediatricians
- Adapted from the British National Formulary for Children, incorporating PHARMAC and Medsafe information
- Additional information from reputable sources on drug interactions, drugs in pregnancy, breastfeeding
- Updated monthly and freely available to all healthcare professionals within New Zealand
- Feedback welcomed via feedback tab



Prescribing notes for children

- Each section begins with prescribing notes followed by relevant drug monographs and preparations. Drugs are classified in a section according to their pharmacology and therapeutic use. Information can be found using the search NZFC tab.
- Prescribing notes are divided into 15 chapters, each of which is related to a particular system of the body or to an aspect of medical care



Monographs & more

- Drug monographs are summaries of the important practical information about individual drugs
- More information can be revealed by clicking or hovering the cursor over some sections of the text, e.g. interactions, pregnancy and breast feeding
- Clicking on the + sign at the bottom of the drug monograph shows products available, funding information, links to medicines data sheets and consumer medicines information

Interactions

- Interactions in the NZF and NZFC are provided by Stockley's interaction alerts which are derived from the full Stockley's drug interactions database. This gives health care professionals a quick way to check for potential interactions and management advice in a clinical setting.

Get started today at: **www.nzfchildren.org.nz**