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INFORMATION for clinicians

Access to Therapeutic Guidelines

About the Therapeutic Guidelines

Therapeutic Guidelines is the leading source of independent, evidence-based, practical treatment advice to assist Australian health practitioners with decision making at the point-of-care. It is regularly updated, based on the latest literature, and interpreted by Australia's most respected experts with input from an extensive network of general practitioners, pharmacists, and other users.

Therapeutic Guidelines is published by Therapeutic Guidelines Limited (TGL). TGL is an independent, not-for-profit organisation. Its aim is to promote the quality use of medicines, which it does through the development, publication, and sale of *Therapeutic Guidelines*. Although known for the *Antibiotic* guidelines, which were first published over 45 years ago, today TGL publishes 21 guidelines, which are available online and through an app. TGL is funded solely by subscribers to ensure independence.

Key Points

- All public hospitals subscribe to *Therapeutic Guidelines*.
- All large private hospital chains subscribe to *Therapeutic Guidelines*.
- In primary care, many general practices subscribe to *Therapeutic Guidelines* through single-user, multi-user or institutional clinic subscriptions.
- Both the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) provide access to Therapeutic Guidelines for all their supervisors, registrars and medical educators through their training portals.

How to access the Therapeutic Guidelines

Therapeutic Guidelines can be accessed through the clinical information portals of public hospitals (see Table 1) and large private hospital chains and the RACGP and ACRRM training portals.

Some organisations with subscriptions have both onsite and remote access. If clinicians are unsure how to access these resources, they can contact their local managers or Therapeutic Guidelines Limited for support.

Therapeutic Guidelines are available online or via a mobile app. The guidelines are available offline by downloading the *Therapeutic Guidelines* content to a mobile device. Internet access is required for the initial download and periodic internet access is required for content updates.

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Table 1: Clinical information portals for staff of public sector health service organisations in each state and territory

State or Territory	Clinical information portal
NSW	Clinical Information Access Portal (CIAP)
Vic	Clinicians Health Channel
Qld	Clinicians Knowledge Network
SA	South Australian Health Library Service
WA	WA Health Libraries Network
Tas	ePortal for Online Clinical Help (EPOCH)
NT	Northern Territory Department of Health and Families - eLibrary
ACT	ACT Health library

How to purchase the Therapeutic Guidelines

Therapeutic Guidelines is available by subscription. Subscriptions for up to five users are available for purchase online from the Therapeutic Guidelines website. It is recommended that before you subscribe you check with your professional association or college or your employer organisation about whether you have free or discounted access. For example, RACGP members can receive a 10% discount on a new, single user subscription to Therapeutic Guidelines.

For organisational, clinic or multi-site subscriptions, email <u>sales@tg.org.au</u>. There is also a <u>link</u> on the website for answers to frequently asked questions about access.

Further information

For more information, please visit the Therapeutic Guidelines website.

You can also contact the teams at the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care that support:

- Antimicrobial stewardship at ams@safetyandquality.gov.au
- Medicines safety at medsafety@safetyandquality.gov.au

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