

Information on Drugs

› DIMDI offers numerous databases with various, complementary information on pharmaceutical products that are updated regularly. The AMIS (Drug Information System of the German Drug Regulatory Authorities) and Databases of ABDA Pharma-Data-Service contain extensive information on medicinal products and substances.

Furthermore, scientific information on drugs are included in many databases, e.g. MEDLINE, EMBASE, IPA (International Pharmaceutical Abstracts), Derwent Drug File, BIOSIS Previews or SciSearch. Up-to-date reference price lists can also be downloaded at DIMDI.

Moreover, DIMDI is the publisher of the official German version of the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) Classification with Defined Daily Doses (DDD).

AMIS – Public Part

AMIS – Public Part contains parts of the Drug Information System (AMIS) that are maintained by the German Drug Regulatory Authorities: Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM), Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) and Federal Agency for Sera and Vaccines (PEI). It is divided into two sections:

› Drug Database

Documents on medicinal products, access to granted and pending notifications of variation and links to summaries of product characteristics, package leaflets

and public assessment reports. The database contains mostly administrative data of drugs with approved or expired marketing authorisation (since 1990/04/30).

› Substances database

The database contains approx. 37,000 documents on substances (drugs, adjuvants, impurities, non-marketable agents, narcotics). The preferred nomenclature, synonyms, CAS-Number, ASK-Number, empirical formula and molecular weight are indicated.

Stoffbezeichnungen

This database contains terms for the components of medicinal products that have to be used in Drug Application Forms according to the appendix of the regulation in § 10 of the German Drug Act.

ABDA-Databases

These databases offer physicians and pharmacists with Premium access information in five modules about medicinal products, substances and interactions as well as latest announcements:

› ABDA – “Fertigarzneimittel“

ABDA – Fertigarzneimittel (Medicinal Products) comprehends the basic information on medicinal products, such as:

trade name, pharmaceutical form, ATC-Code, distributor and composition. For German pharmaceutical products in addition dispensing regulations, date of launch, indications, dosage, »



The drug database of AMIS – Public Part contains specifications like:

- › trade name
- › authorisation number and date
- › last kind of notification and notification date
- › type of approval procedure
- › details on marketability
- › pharmaceutical form
- › methods/fields of application
- › ATC-Code
- › composition
- › addresses of pharmaceutical manufacturers

» warning notices, contraindications and side effects.

» **ABDA – “Aktuelle Info“**

Contains latest news: New launches, changes and recalls, information (news, alerts) from the Drug Commission of German Pharmacists (AMK), from subordinated authorities of the Federal Ministry of Health (BMG), from the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL), from ABDA and from pharmaceutical companies.

» **ABDA – “Arzneistoffe“**

Corresponds to the Pharmaceutical Substance List and contains information on all sorts of ingredients used in drugs (active and adjuvant substances). Contains identification data (e.g. synonyms, CAS-Number, empirical formula), medical application data (dosage, indication) and chemophysical characteristics.

» **ABDA – “Wirkstoffdossiers“**

Contains detailed descriptions of active substances and drugs in chemical, herbal, anthroposophical and homoeopathic dossiers.

» **ABDA – “Interaktionen“**

Lists drug interactions with an interaction monograph composed of three parts:

- » Quick information (interacting groups, relevance and type of the interaction, a short description of the effects)
- » Text part (effect, mechanism, actions and comments)
- » Substances belonging to the interacting groups
- » Interacting substances/drugs

Bundesanzeiger

Contains full texts of publications within the scope of the Federal Ministry of Health (BMG) in the official part of the Federal

Bulletin and announcements of subordinated institutes (BfArM, PEI, RKI, BVL).

Title, date of announcement, number of the document, drug authorisation number etc. are searchable. Most of the drug authorisation numbers in the HTML-version are linked to the corresponding documents of the AMIS – Public Part database which enables a direct transition to information relating to authorisation.

Reference Pricing

The lists from the Head Association of the Statutory Health Insurance scheme about reference pricing are available at DIMDI free of charge, supplemented by explanatory notes. The lists are updated quarterly.

ATC Classification

DIMDI publishes the official German version of the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) Classification with Defined Daily Doses (DDD) on behalf of the BMG. It is updated annually and adapted to the specifics of the drug maintenance situation in Germany. The classification is available online at DIMDI and free of charge.

ADIS-Newsletters

The full-text database contains news on pharmaceuticals and pharmacotherapy with bibliographical data, key words, full texts and references. It complies with the three journals:

- » Reactions: on pharmacovigilance, studies and case reports on side effects
- » Inpharma: with news about pharmaceuticals and pharmacotherapy
- » Pharmaco Economics & Outcomes News: on the economical aspects of pharmacotherapy ■

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