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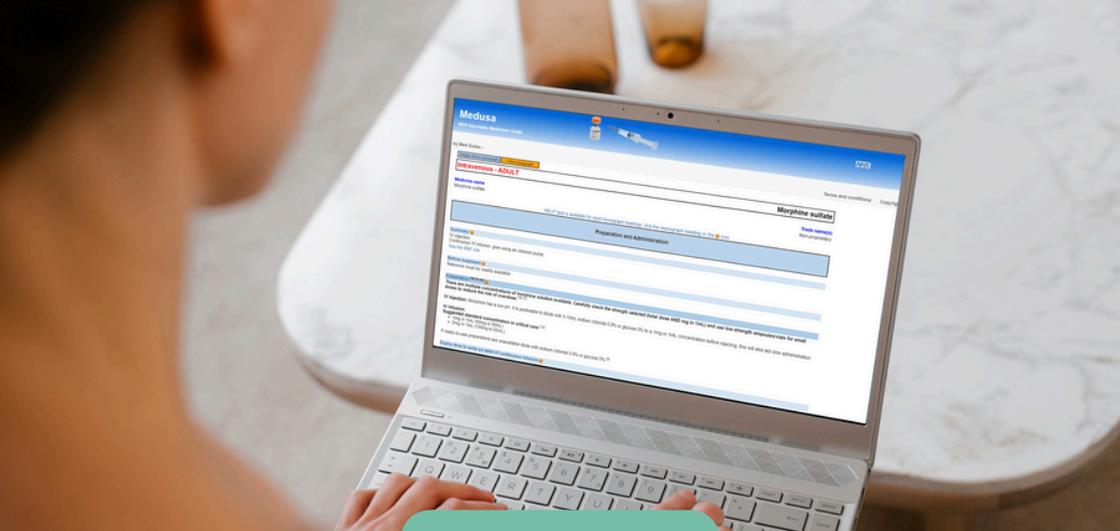
The library provides access to several prescribing resources for trust staff, including Medusa, The Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines in Psychiatry, and the BNF/BNFC.



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# Medusa

## What is Medusa?

Medusa is the Injectable Medicines Guide used at East Cheshire NHS Trust. It provides guidance on the preparation and administration of injectable medicines in adult and paediatric clinical areas.

- It contains in excess of 400 monographs for medicines given by the intravenous (IV) route with the exception of cytotoxic agents.
- It covers both licensed and unlicensed medicines. As far as is achievable, information is relevant to all generic IV medicines currently on contract to the NHS in the UK.
- The guide contains monographs on medicines commonly administered by intramuscular (IM) injection in mental health practice and on medicines given by the intraocular route.
- Monograph content is based on information from the literature and pharmaceutical companies, and also draws on clinical experience and current practice.
- Monographs are supported by user guides 'Using the Injectable Medicines Guide in clinical areas' and, within the monographs themselves, by information icons for each section, which, when selected, give advice on how to interpret the information in that section.



## BNF & BNFC

The British National Formulary (BNF) and British National Formulary for Children (BNFC) includes key information on the selection, prescribing, dispensing and administration of medicines. Medicines generally prescribed in the UK are covered and those considered less suitable for prescribing are clearly identified. Little or no information is included on medicines promoted for purchase by the public.

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More information: <https://bnf.nice.org.uk/about/preface/>

## The Maudsley

The Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines in Psychiatry is available online or in print in the library, and The Maudsley Deprescribing Guidelines is available online. To access e-books, you'll need an NHS Athens account, you can register for one here: <https://openathens.nice.org.uk/>

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