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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: OHP Plan Drug List on Epocrates Rx Database

Applies to:

OMAP and plans

Message:

OMAP will include the following provider announcement in remittance advices for prescribing providers during the weeks of 9/19/05 and 9/26/05. It reminds providers that the Plan Drug List is available on the Epocrates Rx database. It includes instructions for how to download the list to your handheld PC.

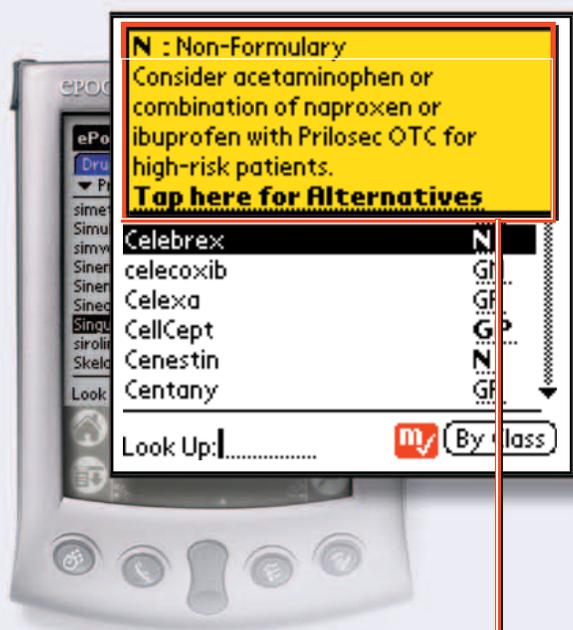
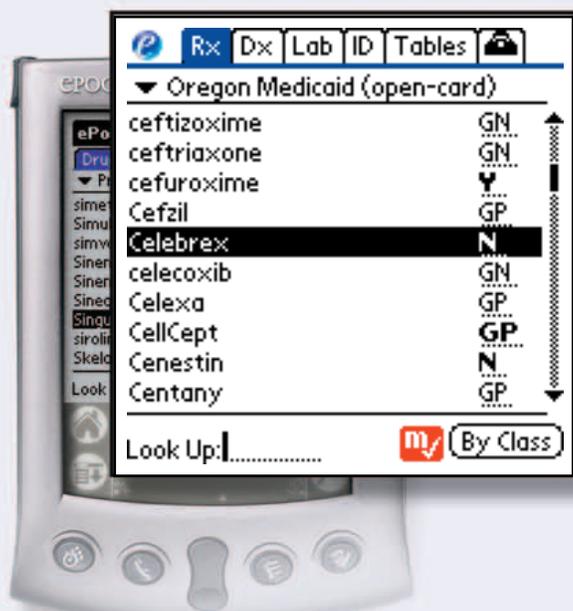
If you have any questions about this information, contact:

Contact(s):	OMAP Provider services		
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Oregon Health Plan and Epocrates® References Leading the way to reduce physician hassles and improve quality of care

Epocrates Rx® reviewed in JAMA¹

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and “the one to have and keep.”



Customized pop-up windows deliver drug-specific information, such as benefit design or treatment guidelines.

Epocrates references enable point-of-care access to drug list information

- Verify status and copayment tiers
- View alternatives and generic substitutions
- Look up prior authorization requirements
- Check quantity limits
- Receive drug specific messages directly from Oregon Health Plan

Epocrates formulary features benefit physicians and members

- Reduce medication errors
- Minimize time dealing with pharmacy call backs
- Improve patient satisfaction
- Monitor formulary updates and changes easily

Over 340,000 healthcare professionals use the Epocrates Rx drug reference guide

- Determine adult and pediatric dosing
- Check for drug interactions
- Guard against adverse reactions and contraindications
- Check pricing information

Access this powerful database easily from your handheld or desktop

- Meet the technical requirements
 - Palm OS or Pocket PC handheld with 3.0 MB of free memory, and/or
 - Personal computer with Internet access
- Download Epocrates handheld software or access Epocrates Rx Online® from www.epocrates.com
- Select the Oregon Health Plan PDL
- AutoUpdate to download formularies to your handheld
- AutoUpdate frequently to receive updates

Epocrates Products with Formulary Information

- Epocrates Rx® drug reference (FREE)
- Epocrates Rx Pro® premium drug reference
- Epocrates Rx Online® web-based reference
- Epocrates® Essentials all-in-one mobile guide to drugs, diseases and diagnostics.

1. JAMA, July 11, 2001 – Vol. 286, No. 2, p. 229.



Category A: You have never subscribed to an Epocrates® product

1. Connect to the Internet and go to: www.epocrates.com
2. Click on the name of the Epocrates application that interests you to view detailed information about each product. (Note that **ALL** versions listed below include the Epocrates clinical drug and formulary information.)
 - a. Epocrates Rx® –FREE reference for the Palm and Pocket PC
 - b. Epocrates Rx Pro® – premium reference for the Palm and Pocket PC
 - c. Epocrates® Essentials – Epocrates Rx Pro + Epocrates Dx™ + Epocrates Lab™
 - d. Epocrates Rx Online® – premium reference for Internet connected computers
- 3a. From the Epocrates Rx Pro, Epocrates Essentials or Epocrates Rx Online page, select the length of your subscription and click “Order Now” (For Epocrates Rx Online, skip to step 5)
- 3b. From the Epocrates Rx page, click “Download”
4. For handheld products, select your PDA and computer type
5. Click “Register Now” and complete the registration form
6. Complete the purchase process, if applicable.
7. Follow directions to complete the download and installation.
8. For Epocrates Rx Online subscriptions, you may access the program by clicking on the “Rx Online” link at the top of any page of the website.
9. On the formulary selection page, select the Oregon Health Plan formulary (under “Oregon” and “Health Plans”)
10. AutoUpdate your PDA frequently to receive updates from the Oregon Health Plan and Epocrates.

Category B: You currently use Epocrates Rx or Epocrates Rx Pro on your handheld device, but have never loaded the Oregon Health Plan formulary

1. Connect to the Internet and go to: www.epocrates.com
2. Click the “Add Formularies” link at the top of the page
3. Login to the website using your user name and password
4. Select the Oregon Health Plan formulary (under “Oregon” and “Health Plans”)
5. Click on “Add to My List” and then click on “Done”
6. AutoUpdate your PDA to install the Oregon Health Plan formulary to your PDA

Category C: You currently use Epocrates Rx Online on your desktop computer, but have never added the Oregon Health Plan formulary to your list of formularies

1. Connect to the Internet and go to: www.epocrates.com
2. Click on “Rx Online” in the menu at the top of the page to go to Epocrates Rx Online.
3. Login using your user name and password (if applicable*)
4. Click on the “Formularies” tab from the list of tabs at the top of the screen
5. Select the Oregon Health Plan formulary (under “Oregon” and “Health Plans”)
6. Click on “Add to My List”
7. The formulary will then be available in the Formulary drop down menu on the main Drug screen

*If your medical facility is offering free access to Epocrates Rx Online, you may not have permission to modify the formulary lists.