

# MediFlags News

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## Latest News

We recently exhibited at the ConPharm meeting in Adelaide. It was great to meet and talk with so many MediFlags users. We found it very valuable and hopefully you also found it useful putting faces to some of our names.

Since MediFlags was acquired by Australian Medicines Handbook, we've made some technical changes to improve the functionality of the program. We've also concentrated on building relationships with our substantial community of MediFlags users - this is important for our forward planning, as we explain below.

We've appointed Darlene Davis as our MediFlags Account Manager. Darlene is the first point of contact for any MediFlags enquiries and will either deal with your query personally or refer it to the appropriate specialist on our IT or Editorial staff.

## Next Update

We plan to release a version of MediFlags with updated content in August 2008.

In this update you will find:

- All new prescription medicines likely to be encountered in community settings have been added
- Information to support these medicines, for example the NPS Radar documents for new medicines listed on the PBS since August 2007, has been added
- AMH Aged Care topics have been updated to the most recent edition
- RGH Drug Bulletins have been removed, as most were well over 2 years old and these are all archived at AusPharmlist.

## Subsequent Updates and Improvements

In a proposed October update we hope to sort out some of the remaining functionality issues you've helped us identify.

Our longer term plan is to redevelop the program so we can provide a more stable product with up-to-date content and useful features. We have already conducted an initial survey of users and in coming months we will be collecting more information, from both MediFlags users and other consultant pharmacists, to inform what we do.

We'd love to hear from you about your general content needs but there are a few specific things about which we'd like your advice. They are:

- Do you use the pathology tests information?
- What you'd consider as too old for a general piece of supporting information (eg a Quick Tip) to give us some ideas about how much we could update
- Which supporting information you particularly like and why
- Any prescription or OTC medicines you think we should list and provide supporting information about.

We hope you can be involved in assisting the development process. This will allow us to develop a program that is useful and relevant to your needs in Medication Review work.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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