

Medicines Information Blogs

Blogs (Weblogs) are becoming an increasingly popular means of delivering all means of information, with medicines and healthcare being no exception. They can be an excellent way of keeping abreast of important medicines information. However, as with all information available on the internet, the quality and types of blogs can vary widely. Most blogs will have an option to sign up to an RSS feed or similar, so you can easily keep up to date with new posts. The Regional Drug and Therapeutics Centre Medicines Information Service have collated a list of reliable blogs which may assist healthcare professionals.

Blog Name	Description	Frequency	Address
Critical Appraisal			
NPC Rapid Reviews	Quick summaries of medicines news events, written and Quality Assured by the NPC team. Advises on when a change of practice is required in response to a piece of news.	Usually Daily	http://www.npc.nhs.uk/rapidreview/
BMJ- Richard Lehman's Journal Review	One of a number of useful blogs hosted by the BMJ, this includes highlights of important medical journals, written in an entertaining and informative style.	Weekly	http://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/category/richard-lehmans-weekly-review-of-medical-journals/
Practice			
Prescribing advice for GPs	A blog summarising medicines information news, written by a pharmacist with a PCT background. Includes updates on important new documents, and some useful recommendations for primary care health professionals.	Usually daily	http://www.prescriber.org.uk/

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PULSE	Pulse provide a wide range of blogs ranging from clinical information, opinions on NHS policies, and entertaining stories and opinion	Daily	http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/comment-blogs
Chemist and Druggist Blogs	A range of blogs from a number of different authors from all walks of pharmacy life. Includes clinical information, service developments, opinions and entertaining miscellany	Daily	http://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/dr-livingstone
Patient Information			
NHS Choices	NHS Choices hosts a wide range of patient centred blogs, including asthma, pregnancy, weight loss, heart conditions and more. Provides a patient perspective of many different illnesses and healthcare issues.	Daily	http://talk.nhs.uk/
OTIS Baby Blog	Written by teratogen information specialists in OTIS, the American Organisation of Teratogen Information Services	Occasional	http://www.otispregnancy.org/the-baby-blog-s13964#143947
Other			
Bad Science	An lively blog by Dr Ben Goldacre, based on The Guardian column unpicking the way science is used in the media, pharmaceutical industry, and by the government	Occasional	http://www.badscience.net/

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