

BNF & BNFc



What is it?

The BNF is the British National Formulary and the BNFc is the British National Formulary for Children. These are the key authoritative, reference texts for information about drugs and medications, provided especially for UK healthcare staff.

How to Access...

Who is it for?

These texts are available for NHS staff and healthcare students.

Log in

The BNF and BNFc are available in a range of formats. You will need login details for some formats but not all.

- Keele Staff and Students – use your Keele login details
- NHS Staff – use your NHS OpenAthens username / password

Key Formats

Print Book

We hold print versions of the BNF and the BNFC within the Health Library. These are available for reference. You can find the BNF at shelf mark RS125.B7 and the BNFC at shelf mark RJ560.B7.

Medicines Complete (login required)

The BNF and BNFC are available online via the Medicines Complete interface. You will need to log in to access Medicines Complete. More drugs-based texts may be available within Medicines Complete dependent on the subscription of your organisation.

NICE (freely available)

An online version of both the BNF and BNFC is available via the NICE website:

- BNF online: <https://bnf.nice.org.uk/>
- BNFC online: <https://bnfc.nice.org.uk/>

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

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Key information on the selection, prescribing, dispensing and administration of medicines.

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Drugs

Drug monographs describe the uses, doses, safety issues, medicinal forms and other considerations involved in the use of a drug.

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Treatment summaries

Browse an A to Z list of treatment summaries covering:

- drug use related to a particular body system
- drug management or treatment of common conditions
- comparisons between groups of drugs.

View treatment summaries A to Z

Figure 1 Home page for the BNF on the NICE website

Mobile App

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