

# 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.

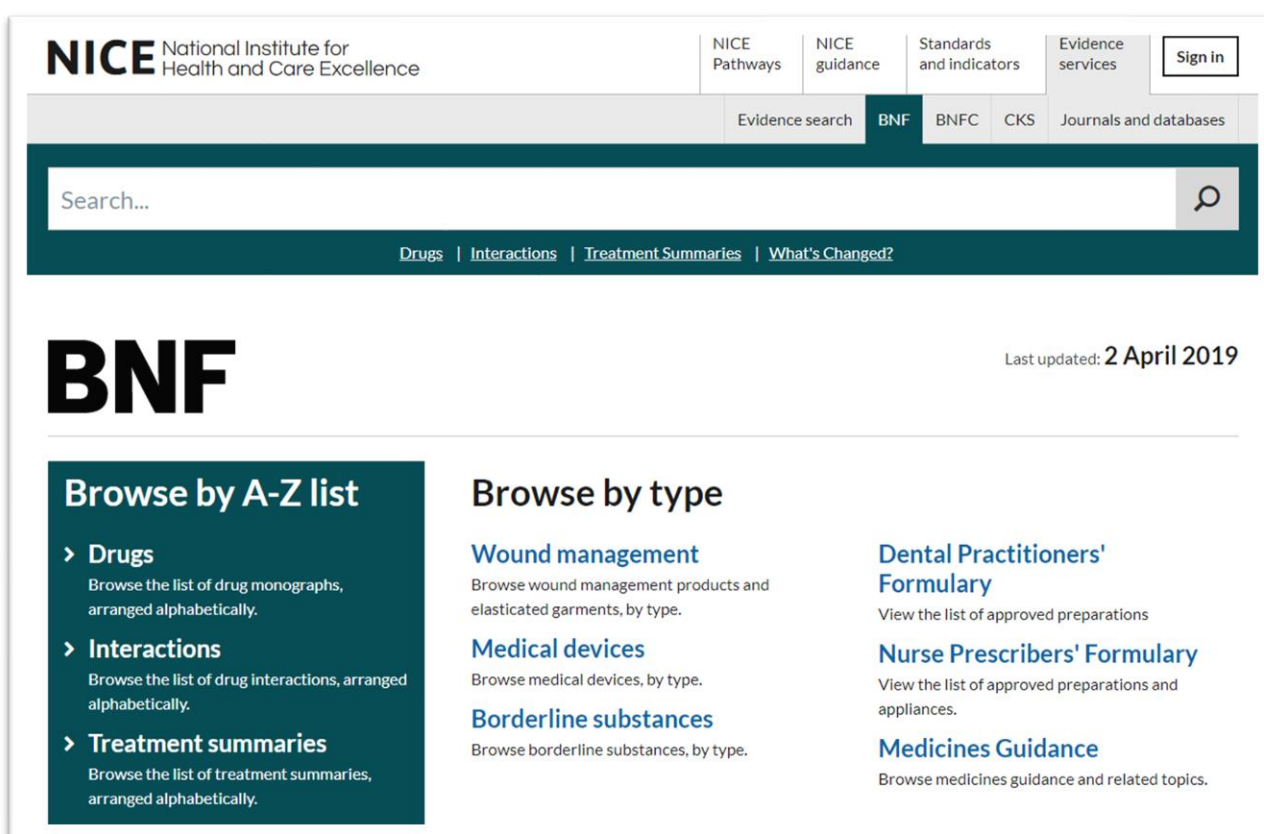
### Medicines Complete (login required)

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 Evidence (freely available)

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

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



The screenshot shows the NICE Evidence website interface. At the top, the NICE logo (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) is on the left, and navigation links for 'NICE Pathways', 'NICE guidance', 'Standards and indicators', and 'Evidence services' are on the right, along with a 'Sign in' button. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'Evidence search', 'BNF', 'BNFC', 'CKS', and 'Journals and databases'. A search bar is prominently displayed in the center. Below the search bar, there are links for 'Drugs', 'Interactions', 'Treatment Summaries', and 'What's Changed?'. The main heading is 'BNF' in large, bold letters, with 'Last updated: 2 April 2019' to its right. The content is organized into two columns. The left column, titled 'Browse by A-Z list', includes three categories: 'Drugs' (Browse the list of drug monographs, arranged alphabetically), 'Interactions' (Browse the list of drug interactions, arranged alphabetically), and 'Treatment summaries' (Browse the list of treatment summaries, arranged alphabetically). The right column, titled 'Browse by type', includes four categories: 'Wound management' (Browse wound management products and elasticated garments, by type), 'Medical devices' (Browse medical devices, by type), 'Borderline substances' (Browse borderline substances, by type), and 'Dental Practitioners' Formulary' (View the list of approved preparations), 'Nurse Prescribers' Formulary' (View the list of approved preparations and appliances), and 'Medicines Guidance' (Browse medicines guidance and related topics).

Figure 1 Home page for the BNF on the NICE Evidence website

### Mobile App

A mobile app is available from the publishers, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. One app contains content to both texts. Search for “BNF Publications” on your App Store. The app is free and no login is required. Please check the terms and conditions for allowed use.