

MDToolbox - Drug Database Upgrade

Product Upgrade and Drug Database Change scheduled for March 13, 2024

MDToolbox is excited to announce that our team will be installing a small hotfix/upgrade on March 13 at approx.. 11 pm Central Time. The majority of the product will still work the same but we will be incorporating a new Drug Database Lookup along with a few other very small enhancements.

Why put in a new Drug Database?

Adding the new Drug Database allows us to give better service to our providers and their patients:

- The new drug database vendor provides WEEKLY updates as new drugs come on the market (our prior vendor only provided monthly updates and sometimes those were behind)
- Much quicker turn around time to get medications in your lookup after they are on the market or new information is published
- More robust drug and supply lookups
- Smarter searching – Searching for the generic but only know the brand name or vice-versa? Searching for something that might be on the supply list but not sure which list to search? Just type what you know and the search can search different ways for you.

Will my charts and medication history be affected?

No! Your charts and medication history will remain untouched after the upgrade – the medications you prescribed will not be changed in any way – all history is unaffected by this upgrade and all interaction checking will continue to work with your history.

Will the drug names change? Will I still be able to find the medications I always prescribe?

99%+ of the medications will have the same names you have always prescribed them with! You will be able to use Quick Refill and your Favorite Lists as you always have. You will find them by searching the same way as you always have.

There is a very small percentage of drug names that are slightly different in the new lookup and for those drugs you may get a warning about the name change.

The list also now contains more of the generic names that the prior drug database vendor was missing.

What happens if I prescribe a generic but the pharmacy doesn't have the generic version?

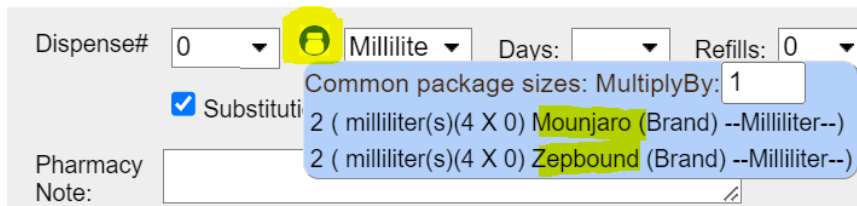
The prior drug database only showed exact drug names on the market (so you couldn't find the generic if it was only available by a brand name) --- In our new version – the new drug database is including all brands and generic names if there is at least one version of it still on the market. This lets you find and prescribe it with the name you are familiar with.


If you select the generic name but its not available as a generic the system is going to send the NDC code for a brand that is available currently and the pharmacy will treat it as “substitution allowed” so they can fill the brand equivalent of the drug you selected.

It is recommended that you select the Brand you want prescribed if you have a brand preference for your patient.

You can always check exactly what Brands / Generics are available for any Drug as well!

From Rx Writer -- Just click the “PACKAGING” button: (pill bottle icon)



Dispense# 0  Millilite Days: Refills: 0

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Common package sizes: MultiplyBy: 1

2 (milliliter(s)(4 X 0) Mounjaro (Brand) --Milliliter--)

2 (milliliter(s)(4 X 0) Zepbound (Brand) --Milliliter--)

Pharmacy Note:

Above image shows tirzepatide is available as brands Mounjaro and Zepbound

How about supply lookup? Will it change?

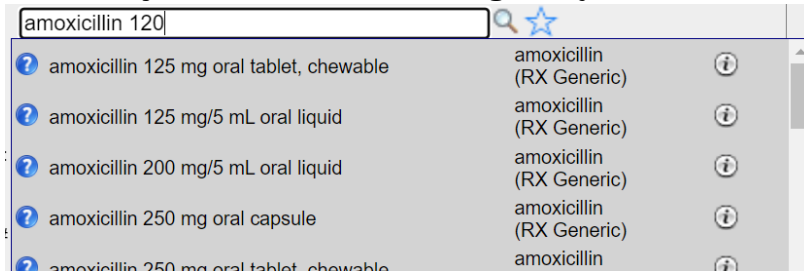
The supply lookup has more changes than the drug lookup. While many will remain unchanged, we will see quite a few updates. Many new supplies that we didn't have before will be available however a few supplies the lookup used to have now are listed differently, for example a generic supply like “bandaids” now will be listed under different brands of “bandaids”.

What other changes will I see in this release?

All main functions in the program will remain the same – you will still write and send prescriptions the same as you always have. MDToolbox has added just a few small enhancements.

- Rx Writer – Search by “All” – if your search doesn’t have too many matches the system will include close matches and also supplies, for example:

- Search for “amoxicillin 120” normally would not return a result since amoxicillin is not available in a 120 strength but the system will now include results for just “amoxicillin” all strengths if your 120 search didn’t find any.



- Search for “pen needle”, previously the search would not have returned anything unless you took the extra steps to switch to “supply search”... but now the system will search both the drug list (no results) and also the supply list for any matching supply that has the words “pen needle” in it giving you a 100 to choose from.



Above image shows 100 options returned for pen needle search

- Rx Writer – Improved Formulary and Real Time Prescription Benefits display – MDToolbox now shows more information in the right side formulary and estimated pricing display – see the name of the pharmacy returning the pricing and more!
- Patient Merge – Found that you accidentally entered the same patient twice and they have two charts? You can now use the Patient Find Detail screen to both find your patients and do a simple chart merge.