

eMIMS

SHPA Don't
Rush to
Crush User
Guide

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How do I get access to SHPA Don't Rush to Crush?

Access to SHPA Don't Rush to Crush requires a current subscription.

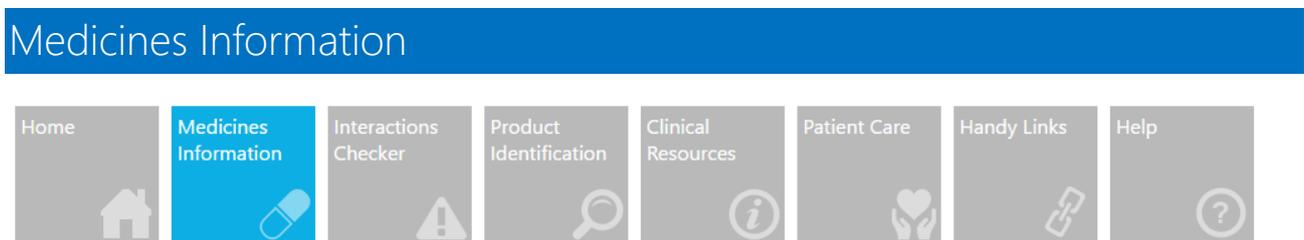
If you do not have a current subscription, please visit the [MIMS website](#) or contact the MIMS Customer Service Desk on **1800 800 629** for information on purchasing a subscription.

What do I do if I have a current subscription but cannot access the content?

If your email address has changed or you cannot access your account please contact your eMIMS administrator or the MIMS Customer Service Desk on **1800 800 629** for assistance.

How do I search for Don't Rush to Crush content?

Don't Rush to Crush is available in two different ways and how you access it depends on your workflow. If you are seeking product information, you are more likely to be searching in the Medicines Information module. If you only want to search Don't Rush to Crush, you can do so in the Clinical Resources module.



You can continue to search for monographs as usual in the Medicines Information Module. If there is Don't Rush to Crush content associated with a brand, you will see a Crush? hyperlink on the Search Results page and a Crush? tab when viewing the monographs. Searches can also be filtered for products containing Crush? information using Advanced Search and Refine your search features.

Searching by brand name

1. Type [Diabex](#) in the Search bar
2. Select [Diabex XR](#) from the autosuggest box
3. The default monograph is displayed based on Preferences
4. Click on the Crush? tab to view Don't Rush to Crush content

Diabex XR
Metformin hydrochloride **IMGATEWAY**

Abbreviated PI | Full PI | CMI | **shpa** Crush?

Medicines Image | General Information | Please refer to Disclaimer

METFORMIN
metformin hydrochloride
Drug class: Biguanide

Availability ¹	Brand name	Quick guide
Tablet, film-coated 500 mg, 850 mg, 1 g	Diabex, Diaformin, Formet, Glucobete,	
Extended-release tablet 500 mg, 1 g	Diabex XR, Diaformin XR, Metex XR	

Searching by generic name

1. Type **Metformin** in the Search bar
2. Select **Metformin hydrochloride** from the autosuggest box
3. The search results page will be displayed of brands containing this generic
4. Click on the **Crush?** hyperlink to view Don't Rush to Crush content for a particular brand

Click to be directed to default PI (Full, Abbreviated or CMI)

Link to list of other products made by this manufacturer

Link to manufacturer info

Diabex XR (Extended release tablets) [Alphapharm] ⓘ

Metformin hydrochloride

Use: Biguanide. Type 2 diabetes in adults (esp overweight) not controlled by diet, exercise (admin +/- other oral antidiabetics, insulin)

Dose: **ⓘ**. Admin once daily with evening meal. Adults: initially 500-750 mg/day; may incr by 500-750 mg/day every 10-15 days; max 2 g/day; if BGL is not controlled with 2 g/day, then change to immediate release tabs (max 3 g/day); combination of different strengths not recommended. Transfer from immediate release tabs: initial dose equiv. prior total daily dose; do not use XR formulation if total daily dose is > 2 g. Transfer from other oral agent: discontinue other agent, then titrate initially with Diabex XR 500. Combination with insulin: initially 500-750 mg/day; adjust insulin dose based on BGL; after titration, consider switching to Diabex XR 1000

MIMS Class: Hypoglycaemic agents

Drug Image:

Click to show larger image

PBS: **ⓘ**

Indicates PBS availability

Link to other products with this generic ingredient(s)

Link to other products within this therapeutic class

Full PI | Abbreviated PI | CMI | Crush? | MIMS Interactions | IMGateway Interactions

Link to Full PI, Abbreviated PI, CMI

Link to SHPA monograph

Link to MIMS Interactions Checker

Link to IMGateway Interactions

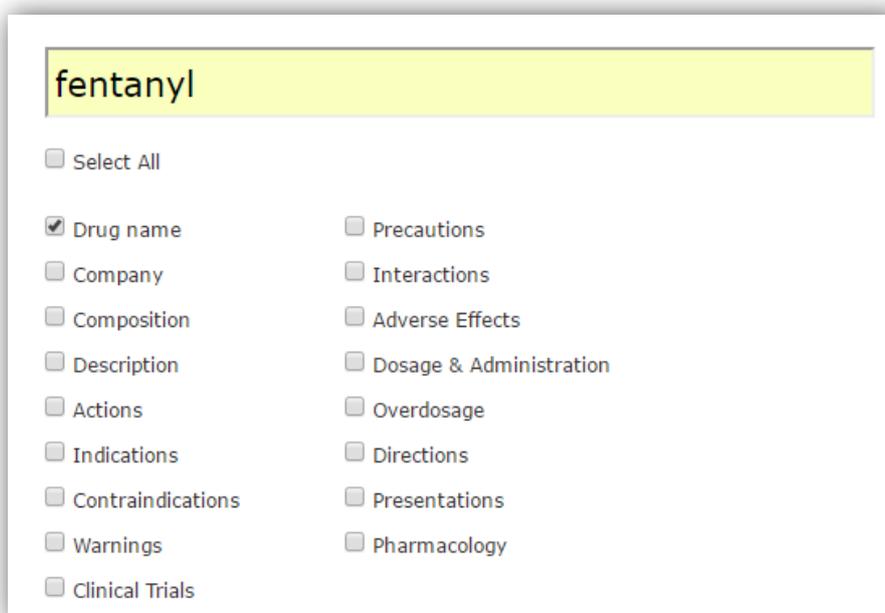
Refine your search

From the Search Results page, searches can be further refined to only display Crush? information by clicking on [Refine your search](#) and ticking

Include All Drtc Products

Advanced search

1. Click on Advanced Search
2. Type [fentanyl](#) in the Search bar
3. Make sure only Drug name is selected from the checkboxes just below the search bar



The screenshot shows a search filter menu for the term 'fentanyl'. At the top, the search term 'fentanyl' is displayed in a yellow box. Below this, there is a list of checkboxes for various search criteria. The 'Drug name' checkbox is checked, while all other checkboxes are unchecked. The criteria listed are:

- Select All
- Drug name
- Company
- Composition
- Description
- Actions
- Indications
- Contraindications
- Warnings
- Clinical Trials
- Precautions
- Interactions
- Adverse Effects
- Dosage & Administration
- Overdosage
- Directions
- Presentations
- Pharmacology

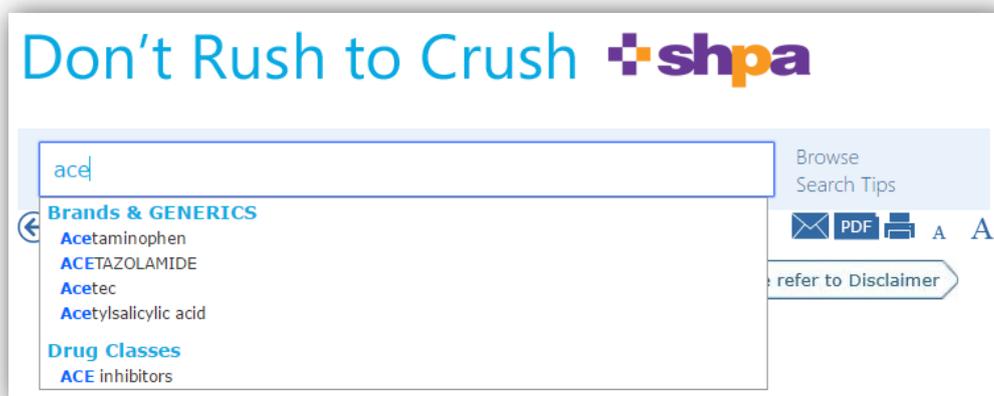
4. Scroll down to the bottom and tick Include All Drtc Products
5. Click Search



Clinical Resources contains all of the Don't Rush to Crush information in one place. While the search and navigation functions are slightly different, the monograph is the same as the one available in Medicines Information, and product information is still only a click away.

Using the Search bar

1. Type a brand, generic or drug class in the search box
2. Select from the Brands & GENERICS category and you will be directed straight to the monograph
3. Select from the Drug Classes category and you will be directed to the appropriate section of Browse, from which you can select a monograph



Search tips

- Matches will appear from your first keystroke. Type in more characters to refine the autosuggest.
- Make your selection by using the mouse instead of the keyboard.
- Names which include hyphens and full stops can be hard to search for. Include punctuation where possible to obtain the most accurate results.
- The monograph name appears in ALLCAPS in the autosuggest, which is usually the primary medicine name.

Using the Browse function

A simple browse function is available. You may browse

1. Brand & GENERIC starting with specific letters or numbers.
2. SHPA Classes starting with specific letters or numbers. Click on the drug class to expand the list and then click on the generic name to view the monograph.

Search tips

- Browsing by Drug Class allows a quick view of alternative medications in the same class that may be more suitable to give to a person with an enteral feeding tube or swallowing difficulties. It is not intended as a comprehensive list of all generics in a given class.

What features are available in Don't Rush to Crush?

Don't Rush to Crush is intended to assist health professionals give medicines safely to people who have difficulty swallowing or cannot swallow medicines. When viewing the monograph, the headings "What to do for people with enteral feeding tubes" and "What to do for people with swallowing difficulties" are collapsed. Simply click on the heading to expand the content that is relevant for the patient.

Diamox Tablets

Acetazolamide

Abbreviated PI

Full PI

CMI

shpa Crush?

Medicines Image

General Information

Please refer to Disclaimer

ACETAZOLAMIDE

Drug class: Carbonic anhydrase inhibitor

Availability ¹	Brand name	Quick guide
Tablet 250 mg	Diamox	

Effect of food Give after food to reduce gastrointestinal side effects.²

What to do for people with enteral feeding tubes [+]

What to do for people with swallowing difficulties [+]

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Quick guides

An explanation of the Quick guide symbol appears when you hover the pointer over the icon.

Availability ¹	Brand name	Quick guide
Tablet, film-coated 500 mg, 850 mg, 1 g	Diabex, Diaformin, Formet, Glucobete,	
Extended-release tablet 500 mg, 1 g	Diabex XR, Diaformin XR, Metex XR	 The tablet, contents of the capsule or granules must not be crushed.

Quick guide symbols are not used in every monograph. This may be because either there is no information to support crushing or dispersing the dose form

or the same method is not suitable for people with enteral feeding tubes and people with swallowing difficulties.

Quick guides sometimes have a hyperlink to another monograph. A new browser tab will be opened after clicking on this hyperlink and you will be taken to the Clinical Resources module.

Methods

Additional guidance is available for preparing a medicine. Click on the Method hyperlink to open a pop-up window containing recommended instructions for consistent, safe and efficient preparation of the medicine. The pop-up also contains practice points that encourage best practice – click on the link to expand or hide these.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a blue header titled "What to do for people with enteral feeding tubes [+]" and a table with two rows: "Tablet" and "Extended-release tablet". The "Tablet" row contains text: "The tablet does not disperse easily.³ Crush the tablet and mix with water, then draw into an oral dispenser. [See Method B for instructions.](#) Give immediately after a bolus feed. For continuous feeds, restart the feed immediately after giving the dose and flushing the tube." A blue arrow points from the "See Method B for instructions" link to a pop-up window. The pop-up window has a title bar with a close button and contains the following text: "See Practice Points", "Method B. Crush the tablet", and a numbered list of 11 steps: 1. Stop the enteral feed. 2. Flush the tube with 30 mL of water. 3. Allow a longer break in the feed if required. 4. Crush the tablet to a fine powder using a mortar and pestle or a tablet crusher. 5. Add 10 mL of water to the powder and mix well. 6. Draw the mixture into the oral dispenser. Ensure that all the medicine is removed from the mortar (use a further 10 mL of water to rinse the mortar if required). 7. Give the mixture immediately into the enteral feeding tube. 8. Rinse the oral dispenser with a further 10 mL of water and give this into the tube to ensure the entire dose is given. 9. If other medicines are given, flush the tube with at least 5 mL of water between each one. 10. After the final medicine is given, flush the tube with 30 mL of water. 11. Restart the feed when appropriate. A small icon of a mortar and pestle is visible in the bottom right corner of the pop-up window.

General Information

This Link out button opens a new tab containing general information, which includes guiding principles, flowcharts to aid decision-making, and other background information.

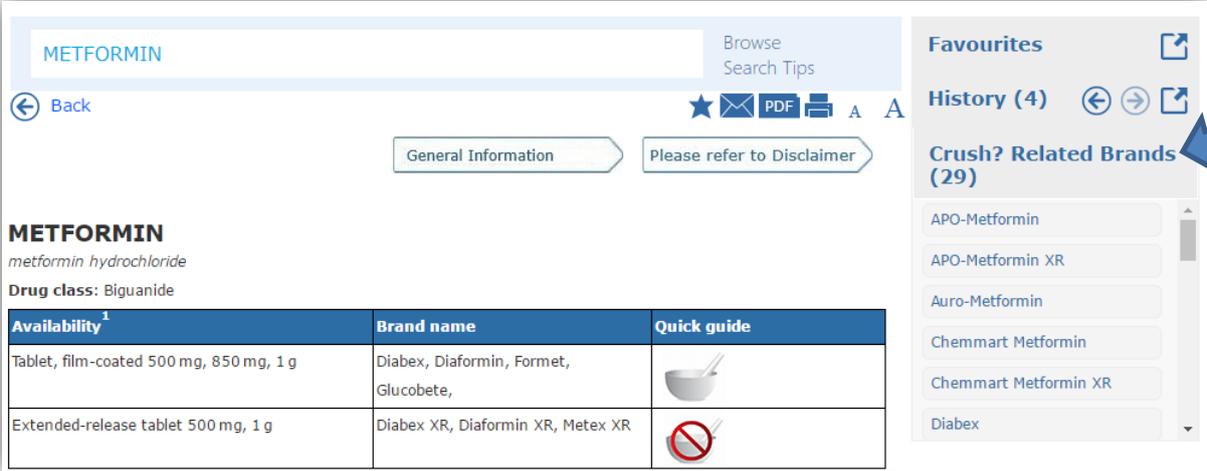
Please refer to Disclaimer

This Link out button opens a new tab containing SHPA copyright and disclaimer.

How do I navigate between monographs?

Navigation is simple as all product information and medicines images for a brand are only a click away from anywhere within the Medicines Information module.

Viewing Don't Rush to Crush content and want to jump to product information of a similar brand? You can do so by clicking on the brand name in the right hand side panel, which is only available while viewing the Crush? tab while in Medicines information. The default product information monograph (as set in Preferences) will be displayed.



The screenshot shows the METFORMIN monograph page. At the top, there is a search bar with 'METFORMIN' entered and a 'Browse Search Tips' button. Below the search bar, there are navigation buttons: 'Back', 'General Information', and 'Please refer to Disclaimer'. The main content area displays the drug name 'METFORMIN', its chemical name 'metformin hydrochloride', and its drug class 'Biguanide'. A table provides details on availability and brand names, along with a quick guide icon. On the right side, there is a sidebar with 'Favourites', 'History (4)', and 'Crush? Related Brands (29)'. A blue arrow points to the 'Crush? Related Brands (29)' section, which lists various brands like APO-Metformin, Auro-Metformin, and Diabex.

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Related brands are always available if you are viewing Don't Rush to Crush in Clinical Resources. The default product information monograph (as set in Preferences) will be displayed in a new tab.

Can I perform all the usual eMIMS functions?

You can still find the icons to add to Favourites, add to Interactions Checker (Medicines Information module only), email, PDF, print and resize the monograph in the Action bar.

Printing will open the PDF in a new tab or window. Click on the print icon in the new tab or window to access the print dialogue.

Is Don't Rush to Crush available on my desktop version of eMIMS?

Currently, Don't Rush to Crush is only available in eMIMS Cloud.