



*National Council of State Boards of Nursing*

Below are drug information resources for nurses provided by the Food and Drug Administration on the 1-10-2013  
Practice Network Call:

- **Drugs@FDA Database:** provides information on FDA approved drug products including proprietary name, active ingredient, approval date, manufacturer name, drug label (PI), Medication Guide (if applicable), and other information on the history of the drug such as labeling changes that have occurred over the life cycle of the drug. The website link is: <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/>
- **FDA MedWatch (Home Page):** This is the main homepage which provides links to recent Safety alerts for drugs, devices and other related products, information on subscribing to receive regular FDA MedWatch safety alert information, information on safety labeling changes for approved products and links to reporting adverse events. The MedWatch Home Page link is: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm>
- **FDA MedWatch Reporting Website link (Reporting Serious Problems to the FDA):** Provides a link for consumers, patients and healthcare professionals, to complete a MedWatch Report and submit the report to the FDA. The link is: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/HowToReport/default.htm>
- **FDA MedWatch Safety Alerts (By Year):** Provides a listing of all published MedWatch safety alerts by year for drug products, devices and nutritional and cosmetic products, and undeclared ingredient safety information. The link is:  
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/default.htm>
- **FDA Drug Safety Labeling Changes (By Month):** Provides a listing and summary of all FDA approved products that have had safety labeling changes to the Boxed Warning, Adverse Reactions, Contraindications, Warnings and Precautions and Medication Guides section of the product label (monthly). The link is:  
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/Safety-RelatedDrugLabelingChanges/default.htm>
- **FDA Safety Alerts – Subscribe to receive alerts:** When you subscribe to received MedWatch Safety Alerts, you will receive an email when a MedWatch Alert is published on a product. These alerts include new safety information, recalls, or other safety related information on FDA regulated products. The link to subscribe to MedWatch Alerts is: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/ucm228488.htm>
- **Patient Network News newsletter:** Subscribe to receive twice monthly newsletters containing FDA-related information on a variety of topics, including new product approvals, significant labeling changes, safety warnings and more. Subscribe at: [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFDA/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=USFDA\\_203](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFDA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USFDA_203)
- **Health Professionals Updates newsletter:** Subscribe to receive the twice monthly newsletter on recent announcements, medical product approvals, opportunities to comment on proposed rules, upcoming public meetings/advisory committee meetings and other information of interest to health professionals. Subscribe at: [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFDA/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=USFDA\\_59](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFDA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USFDA_59)
- **FDA Office of Special Health Issues ‘For Health Professionals’ webpage:** Information of interest to healthcare professionals including new approvals, safety information, expert commentaries and FDA-Medscape collaborations on FDA-related issues. The link to the ‘For Health Professionals’ page is:  
<http://www.fda.gov/ForHealthProfessionals/default.htm>