

# Pharmacy teaching resources – Library online resources: New products for new pharmacists

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## AIM

Engaging Faculty of Pharmacy students with new library online resources is both challenging and rewarding. The challenge is to bring awareness and knowledge of new resources to the students. The reward is to equip undergraduate and postgraduate students with skills that allow them to utilise new online library resources to enhance their learning.

## METHOD

Library Seminars and/or Information Literacy instruction provides an opportunity to introduce scholarly and authoritative new information resources to all students. Library e-resources are growing exponentially and often in complexity and there is a need for librarians to increase the awareness and knowledge of students to use quality resources available to them. Librarians are also teachers who are adapt at dealing with students who have widely differing experiences of digital resources. The presentation will highlight most recent core subject-specific Pharmacy electronic library resources:

### NEW Library Resources - 2008

1. Access Pharmacy (McGraw Hill)  
<http://opac.library.usyd.edu.au/record=b3480179>
2. MedicinesComplete (Pharmaceutical Press)  
<http://opac.library.usyd.edu.au/record=b3281679>

### NEW Library Resources - 2009

1. Encyclopedia of Pharmaceutical Technology (Informahealthcare)  
<http://opac.library.usyd.edu.au/record=b3565174>
2. MIMs on PDA (proposed new service for students in 2009)  
[http://www.mims.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=73&Itemid=108](http://www.mims.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=73&Itemid=108)

## OUTCOMES

Qualitative feedback from students via information literacy classes and quantitative feedback from recent library usage statistics indicate that students are interested in using a range of electronic resources.

New library online products provide all students with a diversity of scholarly and authoritative information resources on and off campus. Competency in using new library products develops information literacy and lifelong learning skills for student research.