

IDIS/CD-ROM is a database of index records to articles about drugs and drug therapy in humans taken from over 200 leading medical and pharmaceutical journals. The system is designed to retrieve specific information concerning a drug and/or drug treatment of a disease state. *IDIS/CD-ROM* consists of two compact discs (Disc One 1966-1996, Disc Two 1997-current) and direct access to the articles on compact disc or microfiche.

UPDATE CONTENTS:

CD-ROM INDEXES: Over 600,000 indexed journal articles from 1966 forward are included on the two monthly CD-ROM discs. The previous month's *IDIS/CD-ROM* Index Disc Two (1997-previous month) should be discarded as each new update is received.

CD-ROM ARTICLES: The articles on compact disc begin with the January 1997 Update. Articles from prior years are currently being added to *IDIS/Web*. Each article disc contains one complete month of articles and is labeled accordingly. While the previous month's *IDIS/CD-ROM* Index should be discarded, the article discs must be saved for future use.

MICROFICHE ARTICLES: The associated file of microfilm articles requires an average of eight linear inches of filing space. The microfiche are 4 x 6 inch size. A microfiche reader or bimodal reader/printer is necessary to read and/or print a paper copy of the microfiche. Microfiche reader lens requirement for the system is 24X. A cabinet is needed for the storage of the microfiche. A Manufacturer's List of Microfilm and Storage Equipment is available from IDIS upon request.

MONTHLY UPDATES: The system is continuously updated with approximately 1,800 new journal articles added each month. Index Disc One contains 1966-1996 and Disc Two is cumulative from 1997 through the current month. The accompanying articles on compact disc or microfiche are always retained and filed sequentially to create an expanding file.

EASY SEARCHING: The index record may be searched by article title, author, descriptor, journal reference, drug name, disease state, abstract, or drug and disease cross-reference terms. USAN (United States Adopted Name) is the basis for the generic drug name in the drug index record. The ICD-9-CM (International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification) is used for the disease name.

JOURNAL ARTICLES: Indexed articles are directly relevant to drug therapy in humans. All journals are English language, about one-quarter are published outside the U.S. They include clinical and non-clinical studies, reviews, reports, case reports, letters-to-the-editor, editorials and selected abstracts. The articles are assigned unique descriptor codes which describe or define the contents, structure and results reported in an article. These descriptors help you find specific information within an article.



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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

IBM 486 or higher PC-compatible computer with at least 16 MB of RAM (Pentium with 32 MB RAM recommended)
20 MB of free hard-disk space
SVGA or VGA Monitor
Microsoft Windows

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