



IowaTeach is a repository of teaching cases searchable by drugs, diseases, and a rich set of descriptors. The user-contributed cases are both clinical and hypothetical, and many contain additional instructional materials such as test questions and teaching notes.

IowaTeach was built in collaboration between the University of Iowa's College of Pharmacy and ITS-Academic Technologies. It is being offered on a temporary trial basis for current *IDISweb* users without an additional charge.

To access IowaTeach, log into *IDISweb* in the usual way. Click the link to IowaTeach at the top of the column on the left side of the page. To search for cases that meet your intended use, enter search terms as desired for drug, disease, and/or descriptors. To execute the search, click on the button below the search term boxes labeled 'Search for Cases'.

Search by **drug and/or disease**: Enter a valid *IDIS* term (cross-reference terms in the *IDIS* database are also active) in either the drug or disease field, or click the index term link to get a look up window for a drug or disease term. When using the lookup window, enter a term, click 'find search terms', click the box next to the term you want and it will be transferred to the search screen. If you insert more than one term in a field the default Boolean operator is 'or', however you can edit that to 'and'. The other option is 'and not'. The default Boolean operator between fields is 'and'. You can change that operator by clicking the down arrow and selecting the operator you want.

Search with **descriptors**: The descriptors in this database are unique to IowaTeach. Select these terms by clicking the index term link to descriptors. Clicking on the descriptors link will display a pick list of available terms. As with the drug and disease fields, if you pick more than one descriptor term, the default Boolean operator within the field is 'or'. You may edit that operator in the search field if you wish.

Search for **collateral materials**: Some cases also include collateral materials such as: Instructor's Teaching Notes, Scoring Key or Rubric, Test Questions, Problem-Based Learning Version of Case, Case Discussion or Solution, Professional Practice Laboratory Exercises, Associated Didactic Material, and other material. To search for cases with these materials click on the index term link labeled 'materials' and you will be presented with a pick list.

After you execute your search, you will get a screen which displays your search criteria and an index record for each case found. To obtain the word processing file for any case click on the 'Download' button located next to the case number. Once you have the word processing file you can use it as it is, or edit the file to better serve your purpose.

After you have finished with the IowaTeach database click 'Logout' under the IowaTeach banner to exit the database.

Please provide any feedback you have about the database to: idis@uiowa.edu