

# THE HISTORY OF Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference

William Martindale worked as a pharmacist during a period of rapid scientific development when new medicinal substances and preparations were constantly being discovered and developed.



#### **Did you know**

In the early editions, 'Extra' referred to the focus on drugs and substances not included in the **British Pharmacopoeia (BP)**.



#### 1868

Writing for the **Pharmaceutical** Journal, Martindale was publishing papers and answering pharmacists' questions. Recognising the need for a single source of up-to-date

#### 1883

A pocket-sized volume of 313 pages, the 1st edition of **The Extra Pharmacopoeia of Unofficial Drugs and Chemical and Pharmaceutical Preparations** was published, authored

information he began to envision a new publication for pharmacists.

by William Martindale with Dr W Wynn Westcott who provided medical commentary and references.

#### Did you know

In 1889, William Martindale was elected to the council of the Pharmaceutical Society, serving as its president from 1899 to 1900.

#### 1902

Following Martindale's death, the production of **The Extra Pharmacopoeia** passed to his son, William Harrison Martindale, who developed the book's chemical and analytical content from the 11th to the 20th editions.

#### 1885

The 4th edition of **The Extra Pharmacopoeia** started to include official preparations from the **British Pharmacopoeia**.

#### 1933

The Pharmaceutical Society purchased all rights to produce and sell **The Extra Pharmacopoeia**, following the death of WH Martindale.

#### 1950s

Print distribution was expanded to include the USA and Commonwealth countries.



Martindale Online, the first electronic version, was launched. This ensured **Martindale: The Extra Pharmacopoeia** remained at the forefront of the generation and supply of drug information.

#### 1972

Recognising the publication was increasingly being referred to as Martindale, it was eponymously renamed **Martindale: The Extra Pharmacopoeia**.

#### 1999

To remove the misplaced comparison to pharmacopoeias, the name of the 32nd edition was changed a final time to **Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference**.

#### 2004

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Launch of MedicinesComplete and improved online access to **Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference**. Quarterly updates ensure the content remains current.



#### 2024

Final print edition - The 41<sup>st</sup> Edition is launched: 2 volumes and 4,896 pages.



## Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference

Health and industry professionals globally rely on **Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference** for concise and specific detail to identify and understand drugs, herbals, and other pharmaceutical substances.

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