

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 41st 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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- Over 300,000 preparations
- Over 60,000 reference citations
- Over 32,000 manufacturers and distributors

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