

**PAT-INFORMED**

# A global gateway to patent information about medicines

The Patent Information Initiative for Medicines (Pat-INFORMED) is an initiative of WIPO, the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) and 20 leading, innovative biopharmaceutical companies.

The initiative is built upon the belief that the patent system stimulates innovation while making patent information available and accessible.



## The Pat-INFORMED database

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The Patent Information Initiative for Medicines (Pat-INFORMED) is a new search engine and database (<https://www.wipo.int/patinformed>) that facilitates access to patent information on medicines worldwide. It is comprised of an open-access database and a facility for procurement agencies to make follow-up enquiries directly to companies holding the patents.

## What data will I find in Pat-INFORMED?

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Pat-INFORMED provides information about key patents on medicines in the six categories identified on the next page. To date, Pat-INFORMED provides information on 636 patent families comprising over 18,918 individual patents, for relating to 222 registered medicines around the world.

Pat-INFORMED is based on the concept that the most useful information to procurement authorities is the patent status of a specific medicine. Patents are legal documents, and difficult to understand for a non-specialist. Pat-INFORMED simplifies the inherent complexities around patents by linking the specific, registered medicine to its key patents.

## Which therapeutic areas does Pat-INFORMED cover?

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Pat-INFORMED provides patent information for all small molecules in:

- HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, hepatitis C, oncology, respiratory conditions;
- All other products on the WHO Essential Medicines List that are not within these therapeutic areas.

The database is being gradually expanded to other include other therapeutic areas.

**Pat-INFORMED makes it easier for national and international drug procurement agencies to access patent information relating to approved medicines.**

## Who can use Pat-INFORMED?

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The search engine and database are open to anyone without restrictions. Obtaining additional information from the patent or rights holders is a feature of the platform limited to bona fide procurement agencies and others directly involved in the procurement of medicines.

## Participating companies

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AbbVie, Astellas Pharma, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Daiichi Sankyo, Eisai, Eli Lilly and Company, Gilead Sciences, GSK, Ipsen, Johnson & Johnson, LEO Pharma, Merck KGaA, Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Novartis, Novo Nordisk, Pfizer, Roche Group, Shionogi, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company, UCB.

## About WIPO

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The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is the global forum for intellectual property policy, services, information and cooperation. A specialized agency of the United Nations, WIPO assists its 191 member states in developing a balanced international IP legal framework to meet society's evolving needs. It provides business services for obtaining IP rights in multiple countries and resolving disputes. It delivers capacity-building programs to help developing countries benefit from using IP. And it provides free access to unique knowledge banks of IP information.

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## About IFPMA

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The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) represents innovative biopharmaceutical companies and associations across the globe. The innovative biopharmaceutical industry's two million employees discover, develop, and deliver medicines and vaccines that improve the lives of patients worldwide. Based in Geneva, Switzerland, IFPMA has official relations with the United Nations and contributes industry expertise to help the global health community find solutions that improve global health.

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