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# *Tawam Hospital Relies on Lexicomp®
to Help Improve Patient Safety*

**CLIENT PROFILE: TAWAM HOSPITAL**

Tawam Hospital understands that improving patient safety isn't just a responsibility.

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It's a strategic priority and an area of commitment integrated into the hospital system's culture. That's why Tawam Hospital in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, trusts the Lexicomp application from Wolters Kluwer Clinical Drug Information to provide the best medicine and clinical information to help its clinicians treat its patients. "Having used Lexicomp for five years at Tawam Hospital, we realize the value this resource has added to our process of delivering patient care at the highest standards, especially in the point-of-care setting," the hospital said in a statement.

## Lexicomp Online provides quicker, easier access to extensive drug information

Tawam Hospital is using Lexicomp Online as its medicine information resource, giving all Tawam pharmacists, physicians and nurses site-wide, point-of-care access to Lexicomp drug and clinical content. "The Lexicomp drug information database is popular amongst our clinicians because the information it provides is robust, concise, up-to-date, and easy to access and navigate," the hospital said.

Lexicomp Online provides clinicians access to three independent medicine information resources within the same interface — Lexicomp point-of-care content, Martindale global drug reference, and AHFS in-depth research-oriented database. In addition, the broad collection of Lexicomp databases enables users to quickly locate information on a wide range of topics, including: drug interactions; pediatric, adult and geriatric dosing and guidelines; IV compatibility; patient education; infectious diseases; allergies; and drug use during pregnancy and lactation.

Lexicomp Online also provides many international brand names of commonly used medications. At Tawam Hospital, "The international drug database is helpful in searching international brand names that we encounter in this region." Brand names from the following countries are included: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

## Patient education helps improve outcomes

Tawam clinicians also appreciate patient education materials within Lexicomp Online, which are available in 19 languages, to deliver quality service and help promote safer outcomes for a large and varied patient base. "The patient education content, with the patient education leaflets available in diverse languages, has particularly contributed to improving the quality of services we provide to our multicultural patient population."

Designed to enhance patients' understanding of their conditions and care instructions, Wolters Kluwer patient education handouts available within Lexicomp Online empower patients with knowledge that helps them feel more comfortable with their treatment options. Ideal for patient counseling, patient education handouts cover thousands of medications, diseases, procedures, and more. Presented in an easy-to-read format, the materials help patients better understand complex details about their condition, disease or medications – helping to lead to improved patient outcomes. Lexicomp offers translated materials in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Creole, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

## Streamlined access to formulary information

Healthcare providers at Tawam also appreciate the ease of use and accessibility of the Lexicomp formulary management service, FORMULINK. It is important that prescribing clinicians at the facility can easily look up information about their on-formulary medications.

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"We continue to use the Lexicomp Information Management System (LIMS) to build our online formulary," the hospital said. "It's a user-friendly software that combines evidence-based clinical data with institution-specific availability and regulatory information. All of which can be edited and exported online with a click of a button, providing real-time access to formulary drug information throughout the hospital terminals."

FORMULINK (see inset to the right) creates a customized online formulary database that gives all Tawam clinicians quick access to their health system's formulary, policies and procedures, and therapeutic guidelines – all within Lexicomp Online. Additionally, Tawam formulary managers can manage and publish their formulary with the LIMS editing tool. This helps clinicians access up-to-date information on formulary information when prescribing medications.

At Tawam Hospital, access to a customized formulary not only means time savings for its clinicians, but also enhanced medication safety. "Access to timely and relevant drug information has helped reduce medication errors and improve patient care."

**About Lexicomp FORMULINK**
The Lexicomp formulary service from Wolters Kluwer Clinical Drug Information allows hospitals and health systems to integrate their institution's formulary, policies and procedures, and therapeutic guidelines with Lexicomp clinical information.

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