



UpToDate Patient Education

Evidence-based, plain-language patient education materials seamlessly integrated into clinical workflows and EHRs to promote shared medical decision-making.

<https://www.wolterskluwer.com/en/solutions/uptodate>

Overview

UpToDate Patient Education, part of the comprehensive UpToDate clinical decision support system by Wolters Kluwer, provides over 8,000 evidence-based topics in up to 19 languages for patients and caregivers. The content is designed to be easily accessible and understandable, supporting shared medical decision-making between clinicians and patients.

Key Features and Capabilities

Extensive Content Library: Over 8,000 patient education topics covering common medical conditions and procedures.

Multi-Language Support: Content available in up to 19 languages, including English and Spanish.

Two Reading Levels: Topics are offered in two formats to cater to varying patient needs:

The Basics: Short (1-3 page) articles written at a basic reading level, answering the most important questions.

Beyond the Basics: Longer (5-10 page) articles with more detailed information and some medical terms. Beyond the Basics content is often available free to the public.

Multimedia Resources: Includes integrated full-color pictures, graphics, charts, and engaging, interactive multimedia programs and videos.

EHR Integration: Seamlessly integrates with major Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and patient portals (e.g., Epic, MyChart) for distribution at the point of care or after a clinical encounter.

Distribution Options: Topics can be emailed directly to the patient, viewed on a patient portal, or printed at the point of care.

Clinical Alignment: Patient education content is aligned with the same evidence-based clinical information used by clinicians in UpToDate.

Target Users and Use Cases

UpToDate Patient Education is primarily used by **healthcare professionals** (physicians, nurses, medical students, and other clinicians) to facilitate communication and shared decision-making with **patients and caregivers**. It is a key component for healthcare organizations seeking to improve patient engagement, ensure consistency of information, and meet regulatory requirements like Meaningful Use Stage 2 for patient-specific educational resources.

Key Features

- 8,000+ Patient Education Topics
- Multi-Language Support (up to 19 languages)
- Two Reading Levels ('The Basics' and 'Beyond the Basics')
- EHR/EMR Integration (Epic, Cerner, etc.)
- Multimedia Content (Videos, Graphics, Charts)
- Point-of-Care Content Distribution
- HL7 Infobutton Integration
- Evidence-Based and Continuously Updated

Pricing

Model: subscription

Available through UpToDate Enterprise Edition for health systems (custom pricing) or as part of an individual UpToDate Professional subscription. Individual professional subscriptions for UpToDate start around \$399 - \$499 per year. 'Beyond the Basics' patient education is available free to the public.

Starting at: USD \$399

Target Company Size: small, medium, enterprise

Integrations

Epic, MyChart, Cerner, Allscripts, Meditech, Lexicomp

Compliance & Certifications

HIPAA, Meaningful Use Stage 2

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