

Selecting drugs using MIMS

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MIMS is a drug reference system for Australian Healthcare Professionals. Zedmed's Drugs module integrates with MIMS to provide a comprehensive list of drugs when prescribing.

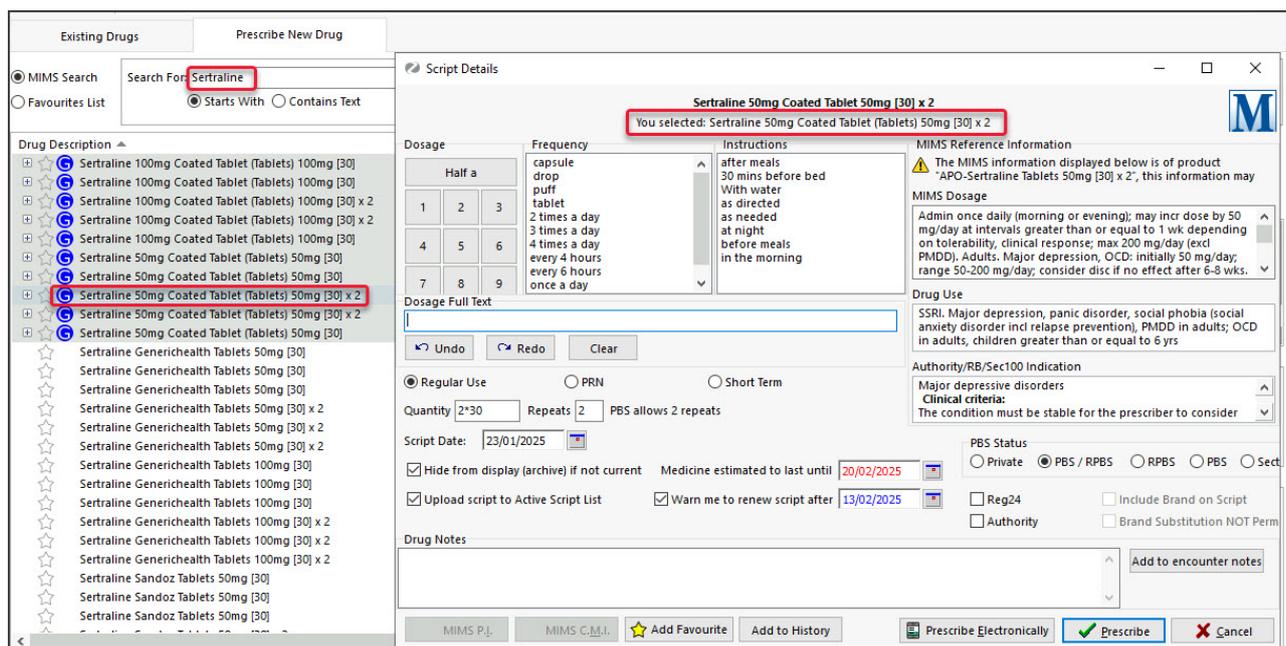
Searching by drug or brand name

To search for a drug in MIMS:

1. Use the **Prescribe New Drug** tab with **MIMS Search** selected.
2. Type the drug or brand name into the **Search for** field and select **Find**.

Searching by generic drug name

If you search using a generic name, e.g. Sertraline, a comprehensive list of options will display, including the various generic strengths and forms, and all available brand variants. The line items marked with a blue **(G)** are **active ingredients**, as opposed to brands, and can be selected directly (by double-clicking that line) to open the prescribing window for that variant.

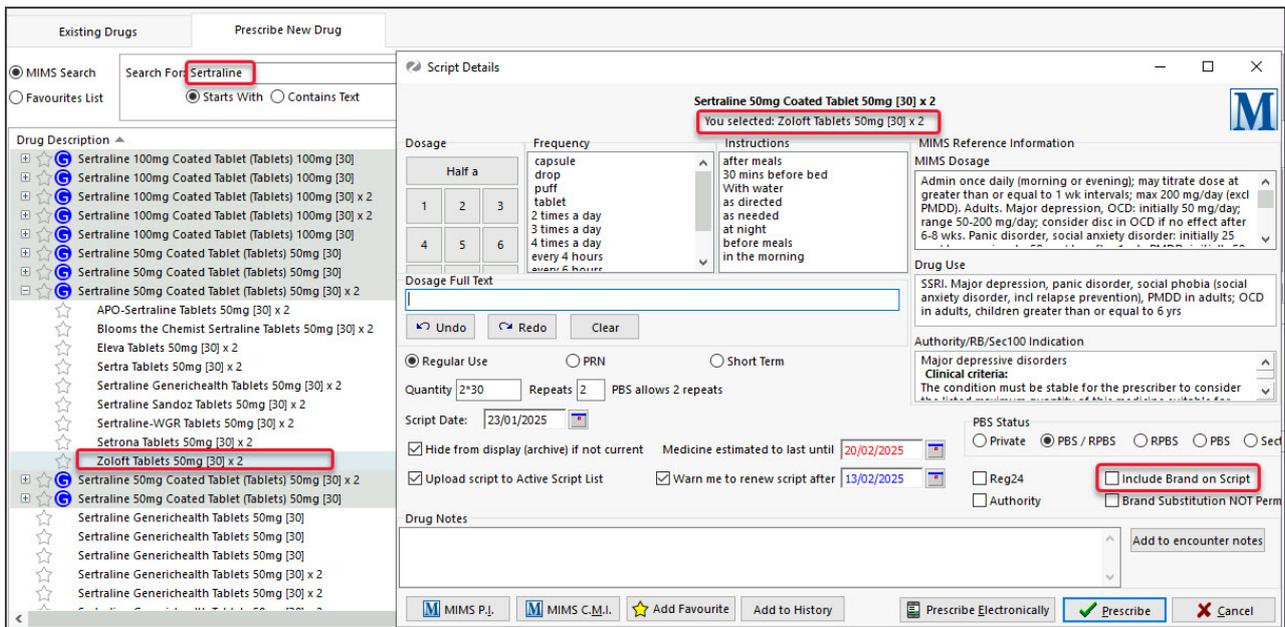


The screenshot displays the MIMS search interface. On the left, the 'Existing Drugs' tab is active, and the 'Prescribe New Drug' section is visible. The 'Search for' field contains 'Sertraline'. Below the search field, a list of drug variants is shown, with 'Sertraline 50mg Coated Tablet (Tablets) 50mg [30] x 2' selected. The 'Script Details' window is open, showing the following information:

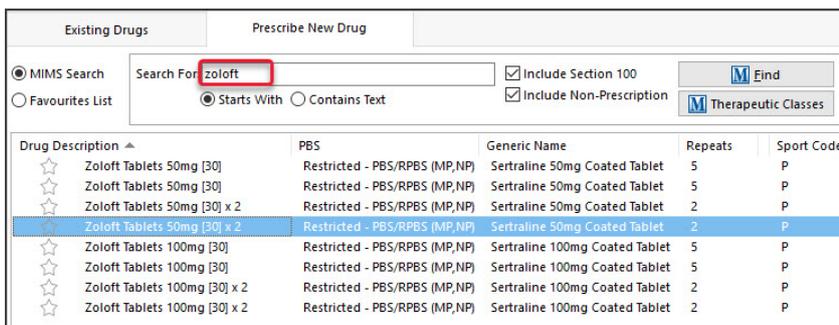
- Drug Description:** Sertraline 50mg Coated Tablet (Tablets) 50mg [30] x 2
- Doage:** Half a
- Frequency:** 2 times a day
- Instructions:** after meals, 30 mins before bed, With water as directed as needed at night before meals in the morning
- MIMS Reference Information:** The MIMS information displayed below is of product "APO-Sertraline Tablets 50mg [30] x 2", this information may vary.
- MIMS Dosage:** Admin once daily (morning or evening); may incr dose by 50 mg/day at intervals greater than or equal to 1 wk depending on tolerability, clinical response; max 200 mg/day (excl PMDD). Adults. Major depression, OCD: initially 50 mg/day; range 50-200 mg/day; consider disc if no effect after 6-8 wks.
- Drug Use:** SSRI. Major depression, panic disorder, social phobia (social anxiety disorder incl relapse prevention), PMDD in adults; OCD in adults, children greater than or equal to 6 yrs
- Authority/RB/Sec100 Indication:** Major depressive disorders
- Clinical criteria:** The condition must be stable for the prescriber to consider
- PBS Status:** Private, PBS / RPBS, RPBS, PBS, Sect
- Reg24:** Reg24, Include Brand on Script, Brand Substitution NOT Perm
- Authority:** Authority
- Buttons:** MIMS P.I., MIMS C.M.I., Add Favourite, Add to History, Prescribe Electronically, Prescribe, Cancel

Searching by brand name

The generic item can be expanded to show the available brand options for that particular variant (strength, form and quantity), and you can select (double-click) a specific brand, e.g. Zoloft, to open the prescribing window for that brand. If appropriate, you can also tick **Include Brand on Script**.

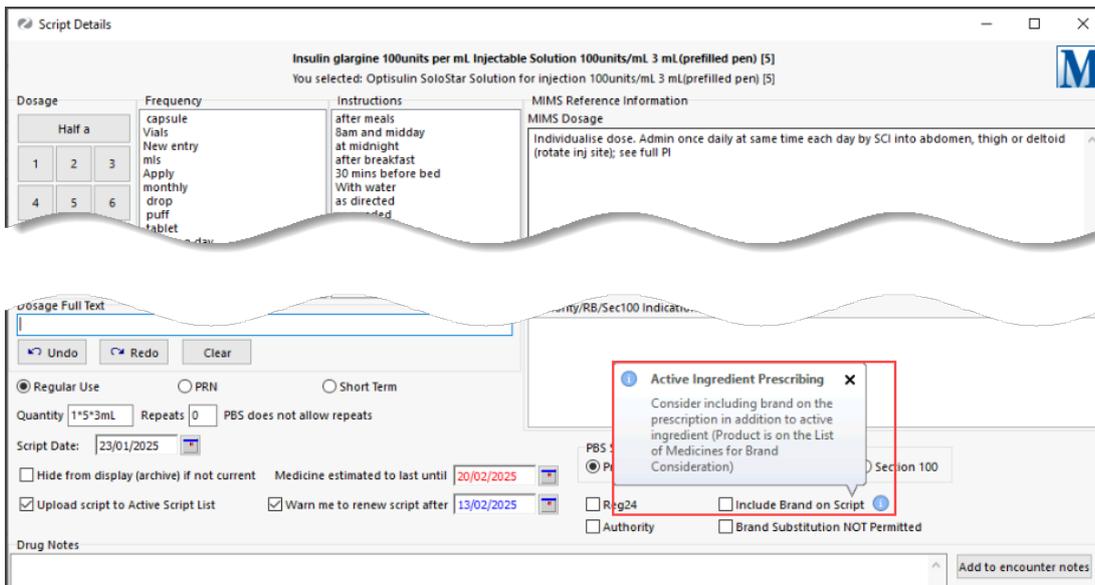


You can also search for the brand name, eg. Zoloft, to only show the brand options with the various generic strengths and forms.



Active ingredient considerations

When prescribing some high-risk medicines and for patients at high risk or medical complications, there are circumstances where it may be preferable to include the brand name. This is mainly to avoid miscommunication between clinicians, to prevent selection error, and to ensure accuracy when interpreting and dispensing the prescription. Zedmed will provide a prompt to include the brand on the prescription.



Regardless of the search and selection method, the prescription output will display the **Active Ingredient**. The example below is a prescription for the brand Zoloft without 'include brand' ticked.



The Australian government does provide mandates and guidance for Active Ingredient Prescribing, and the linked PDF covers the background and reasoning behind this approach to prescribing.

[Active ingredient prescribing guide for Australian Health Practitioners.](#)

Using favourites

Zedmed's **Drugs** module provides a **Favourites List** that each practitioner can add drugs to and use for all patients. This feature allows the practitioner to easily select their choice of drug (brand or generic) along with predefined dosage information.

To add a favourite:

1. Search for then select the drug and open the **Script Details** screen.
2. Select dosage information if you want that information to be saved as well.
3. Select the **Add Favourite** button.

Script Details

Sertraline 100mg Coated Tablet 100mg [30] x 2
 You selected: Zoloft Tablets 100mg [30] x 2

Dosage: Half a
 Frequency: capsule, drop, puff, tablet
 Instructions: after meals, 30 mins before bed, With water as directed as needed at night, before meals in the morning

MIMS Reference Information

MIMS Dosage
 Admin once daily (morning or evening); may titrate dose at greater than or equal to 1 wk intervals; max 200 mg/day (excl PMDD). Adults. Major depression, OCD: initially 50 mg/day; range 50-200 mg/day; consider disc in OCD if no effect after 6-8 wks. Panic disorder, social anxiety disorder: initially 25 mg/day, may incr to 50 mg/day after 1 wk. PMDD: initially 50 mg/day continuously or intermittently (14 days before to 1st full day of menses; repeat each cycle); see

Drug Use
 SSRI. Major depression, panic disorder, social phobia (social anxiety disorder, incl relapse prevention), PMDD in adults; OCD in adults, children greater than or equal to 6 yrs

Authority/RB/Sec100 Indication
 Major depressive disorders
Clinical criteria:
 The condition must be stable for the prescriber to consider the listed maximum quantity of this medicine suitable for this patient.

Regular Use PRN Short Term
 Quantity: 2*30 Repeats: 2 PBS allows 2 repeats
 Script Date: 23/01/2025
 Hide from display (archive) if not current
 Upload script to Active Script List

Information
 Zoloft Tablets added to your Favourites List
 OK

PBS Status
 Private PBS / RPBS RPBS PBS Section 100
 Reg24 Include Brand on Script
 Authority Brand Substitution NOT Permitted

When prescribing, select the **Favourites List**, and double-click the drug to open **Script Details** and prescribe.

Existing Drugs Prescribe New Drug

MIMS Search Drug Description Sort User Defined Sort Drug Name:

Favourites List

Drug Description	PBS	Generic Name	Repeats	Sport Code	Fav Dosage
★ Sertraline 50mg Coated Tablet (Tablets) 50mg [30]	Restricted - PBS/RPBS (MP,NP)		5	P	Take 1 bid
★ Temazepam 10mg Oral Tablet (Tablets) 10mg [25]	PBS/RPBS (MP,NP)			P	Take 1 once a day nocte
★ APO-Temazepam Tablets 10mg [25]	PBS/RPBS (DP)	Temazepam 10mg Oral Tablet		P	
★ Panadeine Forte Tablets (500 mg/30 mg) [10]	Restricted - PBS/RPBS (MP,NP)	Paracetamol 500mg - Codeine...		P	
★ Zoloft Tablets 100mg [30] x 2	Restricted - PBS/RPBS (MP,NP)	Sertraline 100mg Coated Tablet	2	P	