

INTERNET ARCHIVE FEB MAR SEP [Close](#)
 Wayback Machine 124 captures 30 Oct 01 - 26 May 16 24 2007 2009 2010 [Help](#)

Skip navigation



MedlinePlus
Trusted Health Information for You

A service of the U.S. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE and the NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Search MedlinePlus [About MedlinePlus](#) | [Site Map](#) | [FAQ](#) | [Contact Us](#)

[H](#) [Health](#) [Drugs &](#) **Encyclopedia** [Dictionary](#) [News](#) [Directories](#) [Other](#) [español](#)

Medical Encyclopedia

Other encyclopedia topics: [A-Ag](#) [Ah-Ap](#) [Aq-Az](#) [B-Bk](#) [Bl-Bz](#) [C-Cg](#) [Ch-Co](#) [Cp-Cz](#) [D-Di](#) [Dj-Dz](#) [E-Ep](#) [Eq-Ez](#) [F](#) [G](#) [H-Hf](#) [Hg-Hz](#) [I-In](#) [Io-Iz](#) [J](#) [K](#) [L-Ln](#) [Lo-Lz](#) [M-Mf](#) [Mg-Mz](#) [N](#) [O](#) [P-Pl](#) [Pm-Pz](#) [Q](#) [R](#) [S-Sh](#) [Si-Sp](#) [Sq-Sz](#) [T-Tn](#) [To-Tz](#) [U](#) [V](#) [W](#) [X](#) [Y](#) [Z](#) [0-9](#)

Contraindications



Contents of this page:

- [Definition](#)

Definition [Return to top](#)

A contraindication is a specific situation in which a drug, procedure, or surgery should NOT be used, because it may be harmful to the patient.

Some treatments may cause unwanted or dangerous reactions in people with allergies, high blood pressure, or pregnancy. For example, certain decongestants are contraindicated in people with high blood pressure and therefore should be avoided.

Many medications interact and should not be used together by the same person. For instance, a person who takes warfarin to thin the blood should not take aspirin.

There are two types of contraindications:

- Partial contraindication means that caution should be used when two drugs or procedures are used together.
- Absolute contraindication means that it could result in a life-threatening situation.

Update Date: 1/22/2007

<p>Mallinckrodt Hosp. Prods. IP Ltd. Exhibit 2022 Praxair Distrib., Inc. et al., v. Mallinckrodt Hosp. Prods. IP Ltd. Case IPR2016-00779</p>
--

Updated by: Benjamin W. Van Voorhees, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Review provided by VeriMed Healthcare Network.
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/002314.htm> Go

Wayback Machine 124 captures

ADAM

2007 2009 2010

24

Help

The information provided herein should not be used during any medical emergency or for the diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Call 911 for all medical emergencies. Links to other sites are provided for information only -- they do not constitute endorsements of those other sites. Copyright 1997-2009, A.D.A.M., Inc. Any duplication or distribution of the information contained herein is strictly prohibited.

[Home](#) | [Health Topics](#) | [Drugs & Supplements](#) | [Encyclopedia](#) | [Dictionary](#) | [News](#) | [Directories](#) | [Other Resources](#)

[Disclaimers](#) | [Copyright](#) | [Privacy](#) | [Accessibility](#) | [Quality Guidelines](#)
U.S. National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894
[National Institutes of Health](#) | [Department of Health & Human Services](#)

Page last updated: 03 March 2009