



EMIS Users FAQ #6

What is PIN?

Pharmaceutical Information Network

PIN, an integration of the Alberta Netcare EHR, is a separate drug information management system that supports the access to prescribed drugs and over the counter (OTCs) drug information. PIN provides authorized service providers with:

- Prescription information for physicians, includes patient's drug information
- Prescribed dispensing information for pharmacies
- Drug-to-drug interaction alerts to avoid prescriptions that conflict
- Database of all available drugs and their common dosages
- Lab results
- Diagnostic imaging results

Alberta Netcare <http://www.albertanetcare.ca/>

Registration of Netcare health.ehrdeployment@gov.ab.ca

Further PIN Information <http://www.albertanetcare.ca/16.htm>

What is in the PIN formulary?

PIN drug database sources:

- Canadian-ized version of FDB (first data bank)
- Only includes drug products approved for sale/use within Canada

PIN formulary includes Drug Benefit Lists- drugs approved by:

- AHW
- ABC

To locate a specific drug:

- Search based on the Generic Formulation and the Manufactured Drug Name
- PIN pulls listings of these drugs, from which you can select the one that most closely matches your search





Who do you call when you have a problem?

For all problems, including issues with passwords, call Netcare Help Desk. If the Help Desk cannot address your problem, they will connect you with a transition coordinator.

Call Toll Free 1-877-931-1638

When will EMIS interface to PIN be ready?

Pin Interface, Phase one, accessible by late August

How will the EMIS PIN Interface be accessed?

- Prior to end of August, Administrative Assistants and Physicians must obtain an Alberta Netcare FOB and PIN code
- If you are accessing Netcare from the CHR, forward to AHW a completed User Registration Form, provided by:

Central Enrolment Line 1-866-756-2647 or by

Joanne Shaver 1-403-998-0877 jshaver@ca.ibm.com

- A user ID, password and FOB will then be issued

Note: Any additional users such as nurses do not require FOBS for phase one.

