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Merck Medicus: a basket of free resources

After a free subscription to this site, the users of *Merck Medicus* can access several useful clinical resources, some downloadable to PDA (Palm or Pocket PC) and frequently updated:

- *The Merck Manual, Professional Edition*: the well-known Merck Manual covers several areas, like Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Gynecology, Obstetrics, Dermatology and many others;
- *Pocket Guide to Diagnostic Tests*: offers quick, evidence-based information on the selection and interpretation of over 350 diagnostic tests- lab, imaging and microbiology;
- *Harrison's Practice- Answers on Demand*: the most recent acquisition of *Mobile MerckMedicus* is an adaptation of *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* to an easy-to-read format, providing practical and concise answers to daily clinical questions;

Others: *Reuters Medical News*, *RSS News Feeds*, *Medline Journal Abstracts* (with the possibility of choosing journals or an area of interest), *MerckMedicus and MEDLINE Search* (MEDLINE searches "ordered" by PDA and performed when the device is connected to Internet).

Online, the site offers access to textbooks, like Cecil Textbook of Medicine and Harrison's Online, continuing medical education programs, patient information, and a page configured to areas of interest of the reader, with the most suitable resources available in that specialty.

This site can be very useful to the Family Physician, either for obtaining answers during consultations (via Internet or PDA), or for continuous medical education.

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