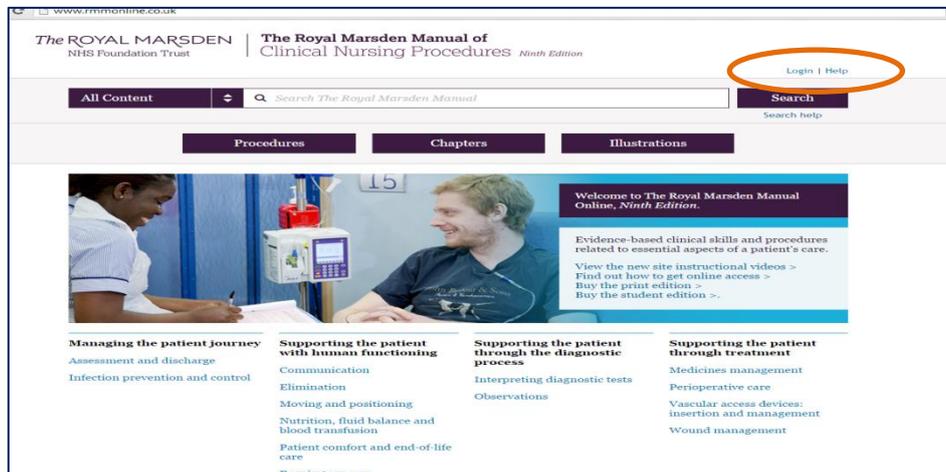




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Royal Marsden Manual Online: Bite sized Guide



Where can I find it?

Through any Trust P.C., the icon is on the desktop. Or from home, you can go direct to <http://www.rmmonline.co.uk/>

Do I need an NHS Athens account to access it?

Yes (if you don't have one, you can click on the "Register" button register here: <https://openathens.nice.org.uk/auth/login>)

Once you have clicked on Login, choose the OpenAthens option, not the RMM Credentials login boxes! Then enter your Athens details to view the resource.

What are the main features?

- Access to over 350 evidence-based clinical nursing procedures related to every aspect of nursing care.
- Divided into chapters which reflect the printed version.
- Procedures are searchable and can be browsed.
- Written by nurses who are expert and active in clinical practice.
- Includes procedures carried out by advanced nurse practitioners.

How do I find my way around?

Once you have logged on with your Athens account you will be presented with the Royal Marsden Manual home screen. From here you can access the content by browsing by Procedure, Chapter, or Illustration by clicking on the appropriate link on the screen. Click on the appropriate chapter heading to access the content.

Use the search box at the top of the home page to search the content for a particular keyword e.g. handwashing. You can choose to search across all content, or use the drop down option to search just in chapters or just in procedures. Once you have some results, filter them using options on the left hand side, e.g. see illustrations, or go to procedures or chapters.

What might I not know about it?

- There is a quick reference alphabetical list of procedure guidelines at the bottom of the home page.
- You can use Ctrl + F to bring up a search box to quickly find a word or phrase on the page you are currently viewing.
- When viewing a procedure, you can show and hide the rationale behind each aspect, or for the whole procedure.
- You can also opt to look at additional tabs covering aspects such as equipment, drug information and illustrations.
- Illustrations can be downloaded or printed for personal use (but not shared on the internet).
- “Search Help” gives suggestions on how to search for more than one word at a time.

How often is it updated?

The content is updated with each new edition. Dated updates are not made on individual pages.

Is there a help function / guide available?

Yes, the Help option is available at the top right of every page, and there are FAQs and links to video clips (although these need Adobe Flash player, which may not always be installed).

10 Quick Questions: (answers below)

1. Browse chapters to see which one addresses patient comfort in end of life care?
2. Use search to find the procedure you'd need when taking blood cultures using a winged device.
3. Find Illustrations for Moving and Handling, specifically “Log rolling and positioning of patient with spinal cord compression or injury”.
4. Using the quick reference list at the bottom of the homepage, what is the last procedure listed?
5. Find the Cardiovascular examination procedure – how many points are listed?
6. In the chapter “Risk assessment: Prevention of falls”, what has been reported by the NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination?

7. Find an illustration of pulse points around the body. Can you find the buttons to download and/or print it?
8. From the illustration above – find what chapter it is taken from.
9. In the venepuncture procedure, is a plastic apron listed as essential or optional?
10. Self administration of medicines – what is the rationale for carrying out an assessment of the patient's ability to self-administer medication using an assessment form?

10 Quick Answers:

1. Chapter 8.
2. 10.6 Blood cultures: peripheral (winged device collection method).
3. Click 'Illustrations' then choose '6: Moving and positioning' & scroll down to see pictures illustrating this procedure, labelled '6.22'.
4. Scroll down the homepage to "Quick reference to the procedure guidelines", scroll down the list – last one listed is "Wound drain shortening for open drainage systems"
5. Search for Cardiovascular examination & choose Procedure 2.2, or choose Procedures & scroll down to 2.2. Listed are 28 points.
6. Search for 'falling' or navigate through the chapters to the relevant section of Moving and positioning: general principles. Scan the article, or Control+F search for "NHS Centre" to find they've reported 400 risk factors!
7. Search for 'Pulse points' & open figure 11.3 "Pulse points". The buttons are at the base of the picture.
8. With the illustration still open, click on "View in context" to be taken to Chapter 11: Observations, Pulse (heart rate)
9. Procedure 10.1 Venepuncture: Of the 12 items listed under Equipment, plastic aprons are regarded as optional (according to Royal Marsden guidelines – local procedures may differ)
10. Navigate to procedure 12.1: Medication: self administration. Action 2 refers to this assessment. Clicking on 'show rationale' reveals that this is taken from "Technical patient safety solutions for medicines reconciliation on admission of adults to hospital (NICE/NPSA 2007"

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