

How to search your practice database to identify patients on long-term antidepressants

In Best Practice, to generate a list of patients on long-term SSRIs:

- From the main screen (white page):
- Utilities (top bar)
 - Search
- Demographics
 - Age, >=, 18. Add. Okay.
- Drugs
 - a. Drug class
 - b. + Nervous system
 - c. + Psychoanaleptics
 - d. + Antidepressants
 - e. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (N06AB)
 - i. Current Rx. AND. Add.
 - f. AND
 - g. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
 - i. Past prescriptions (e.g. 20/5/2023 – 20/5/2024). Add. Okay.
- Run query

To generate a list of patients on long-term 'Other antidepressants':

Repeat steps a – d above:

- e. Other antidepressant (N06AX)
 - i. Current Rx. AND. Add.
- f. AND
- g. Other antidepressant
 - ii. Past prescriptions (e.g. 20/5/2023 – 20/5/2024). Add. Okay.
- Run query

To generate a list of patients on current 'Other antidepressant' and past SSRI:

Repeat steps a – d above:

- e. Other antidepressant (= N06AX)
 - a. Current Rx (date) (e.g. 20/5/2025). Add.
- f. AND
- g. SSRI
 - iii. Past prescriptions (e.g. 20/5/2023 – 20/5/2024). Add. Okay.
- Run query

To generate a list of patients on current SSRI and past 'Other antidepressant':

Repeat steps a – d above:

- e. SSRIs (=N06AB)
 - 1. Current Rx (date) (e.g. 20/5/2025). Add.
 - f. AND
 - g. Other antidepressant
 - i. Past prescriptions (e.g. 20/5/2023 – 20/5/2024). Add. Okay.
- Run query

In Best Practice, to search your practice records to generate a list of patients on long-term antidepressants, you need to generate and run a new query that identifies combined 'current' AND 'past' antidepressant users. 'Past' is defined as from 2 years to 1 year prior to 'current' date. Thus if 'current' date is 20/5/2025, then 'past' date range is 20/5/2023 – 20/5/2024.

Antidepressants that may be of interest are SSRIs (N06AB) and 'Other antidepressants' (N06AX):

SSRIs (N06AB):

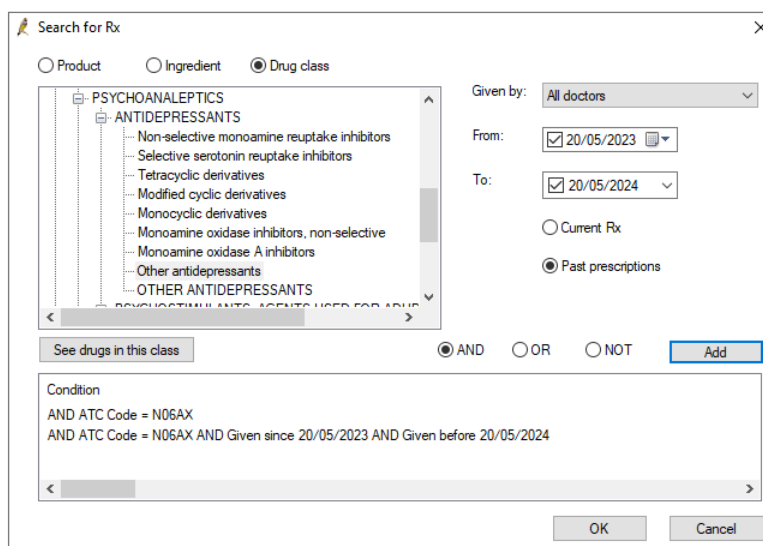
1. Sertraline (Zoloft, Sertra, Eleva, Setrona)
2. Escitalopram (Lexapro, Loxalate, Esitalo, Esipram, Lexam)
3. Fluoxetine (Prozac, Fluotex, Zactin, Lovan)
4. Citalopram (Cipramil, Celapram, Citalo, Talam)
5. Paroxetine (Aropax, Roxet, Extine, Paxtine)
6. Fluvoxamine (Luvox, Faverin, Movox)

"Other antidepressants" (N06AX):

1. Venlafaxine (Efexor, Elaxine, Enlafax)
2. Desvenlafaxine (Pristiq, Desfax, Desven)
3. Duloxetine (Cymbalta, Andepra, Duloxecor, Dytrex, Tixel)
4. Quilonum,
5. Reboxetine, Remeron, Edronax, Lithicarb, Lithium, Lumin,
6. Mianserin, Milivin, Mirtanza,
7. Mirtazapine, Mirtazon, Avanza, Axit, Bupropion, Zyban

Hence, the combinations of interest in identifying patients on long-term antidepressants are:

- Current SSRI AND past SSRI
- Current 'other' AND past 'other'
- Current 'other' AND past SSRI
- Current SSRI AND past 'other'



Search for Rx

Product
 Ingredient
 Drug class

PSYCHOANALEPTICS
 ANTIDEPRESSANTS
 Non-selective monoamine reuptake inhibitors
 Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
 Tetracyclic derivatives
 Modified cyclic derivatives
 Monocyclic derivatives
 Monoamine oxidase inhibitors, non-selective
 Monoamine oxidase A inhibitors
 Other antidepressants
 OTHER ANTIDEPRESSANTS

Given by: All doctors

From: 20/05/2023

To: 20/05/2024

Current Rx
 Past prescriptions

AND
 OR
 NOT

Condition

AND ATC Code = N06AX
AND ATC Code = N06AX AND Given since 20/05/2023 AND Given before 20/05/2024