

## CSSRC Resource Review

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**Review Date:** 12/4/13

**Name/Title:** Pillbox

**Author:** National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health

**Media Type:** (Book, CD, Flyer, Poster, Website, etc) website

**Publisher/Supplier:** National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health

**Publication Date:** Launched July 2013

**Re-order Source:** <http://pillbox.nlm.nih.gov/index.html>

**Language:** English

**Usefulness Rating:**

1. Excellent XX
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Rated by: (CSSRC staff member) Alice
6. Comments:
  - a. This site enables users to quickly and easily identify pills. Pictures of pills can be sorted by physical characteristics such as size, shape, color, imprint, and scoring. An advanced search allows users to search by ingredients, manufacturer, or name.
  - b. Upon identification, users can learn about the drug.
    - i. Quick links to search terms for the active ingredients lead to scholarly articles about their chemical structure, uses, and clinical trials. Consumer information is available with a quick link to appropriate searches from NIH resources, the Food & Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration.
    - ii. Users may also link directly to the manufacturer's drug label, which is presented on the website DailyMed, another NIH resource. The label provides the manufacturer's description, uses, dosages, side effects, warnings, overdose symptoms and overdose support.
  - c. Particularly as prescription drug abuse is becoming a more prevalent problem, this resource can help responsible parties quickly and accurately identify prescription medications. In the event of an adverse reaction or overdose, people can identify the responsible drug to help aid in the emergency response. Adults who notice a youth with pills can check if the physical attributes of the pills match the description the youth provides for possessing the pills.

**Category:** (Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery, Promotional Item) Prevention, Response



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**Topic:** (Bullying, Substance Abuse, Threat Assessment, etc) Substance Abuse

**Audience:** (Administrators, Counselors/Psychologists/Social Workers, Emergency Responders, Health Professionals/Nurses, Law Enforcement/SROs/Security, Parents, Teachers, Other School Personnel) all

**Intended Age Group:** (pre-K, elementary, middle, high, higher education) N/A

**Cost:** 0

**Additional Comments:** Pillbox does not currently support searching by street or slang names, which would be a nice addition. However, other sites do provide assistance with linking street names to chemical names.

