**Drug Reference: Epocrates, Micromedex Drug Reference, Micromedex Drug Interactions,**

**Epocrates** is the most popular drug-reference guide available on handheld computers. They have additional features including alternative med/herbal listings, Epocrates ID an infectious disease reference, calculators, and other tools. A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association, indicated Epocrates use may reduce a significant number of prescription errors. Doctors can look up drug information using Epocrates in about 10 seconds compared with one to five minutes for traditional methods.

Use **Epocrates** to help answer the following questions:

CJ is a 50-year-old mail carrier with hypertension, atrial fibrillation and diabetes. He is on the following medications:
- Atenolol
- Lisinopril
- Coumadin
- Glucophage

You prescribe Zithromax Z-pac for sinus infection.

He also wants to start taking grape seed extract to protect his heart.

1. What is the generic name for Glucophage?

2. What dose tablets does Glucophage come in? What is the typical dose?

3. List 3 contraindications for Glucophage.
   - a.
   - b.
   - c.

4. List one serious reaction and 2 common reactions to atenolol.

5. How much does a month of lisinopril 10mg tabs #30 cost?

6. Any concerns with lisinopril with pregnancy?

7. Are there any drug-drug or drug-herb interactions with the current regimen, including the grape seed and the zithromax? (Epocrates Plus or Clinical Pharmacology)

8. Feel free to look up any of the medications he is currently on or any others with which you are unfamiliar (eg, what is grape seed commonly used for?). Use Epocrates Plus, Clinical Pharmacology, or try the About Herbs app.