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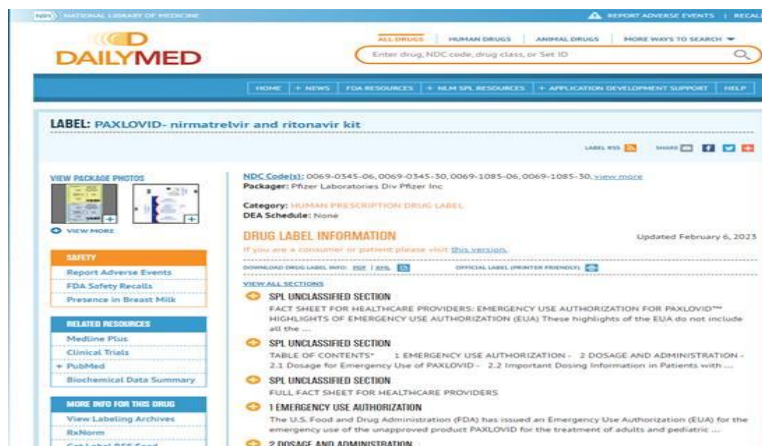
Message from the Librarian:

For patients, family and caregivers, the Internet can be both a godsend and a dangerous place when looking for health-related information. With an overwhelming volume of information at our fingertips and more omnipresent than ever before, consumers of health information are often wading into cyberspace desperate for reassuring answers. Patients facing a serious diagnosis or major medical procedure can be easy prey to unreliable sources that are not in patients' best interests, that often target vulnerable populations and that have no regard for accuracy of information. The problem is compounded by consumers diagnosing their own symptoms via Internet search engines, unreliable websites, and un reputable chat rooms - instead of contacting a trusted medical provider. We are often alerted to the dangers of misinformation or disinformation, where content in both cases is inaccurate, deceptive, and potentially a threat to health and well-being. The Baystate Health Sciences Library on the other hand is committed to current and reliable information and encourages the public to contact us for trustworthy content from quality web resources or licensed databases. Information is prepared with consumers in mind, available in multiple languages and formatted for easy viewing. We mostly highlight non-commercial material from trusted government agencies, educational institutions or from health organizations all with little or no advertising. While the information does not replace a conversation with a healthcare provider, solid, background information can facilitate a discussion with a medical professional. Librarians will also offer important guidelines and criteria for evaluating websites. This page of the newsletter spotlights a couple of resources from the National Library of Medicine, which also publishes MedlinePlus, the world's premiere consumer health resource. The next time your patient is asking for information, keep in mind the [Baystate Health Sciences Library](#) and our [Ask a Librarian](#) feature!

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Consumer Caller: Health Info Tips

Looking for basic, reliable information on drug prescriptions? The National Library of Medicine's [DailyMed](#) database provides the most recent labeling submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) by companies. DailyMed also includes dietary supplements, cosmetics, and pet health products. Prescribing information includes indications, dosage and administration, contraindications, warnings and precautions, adverse reactions, drug interactions, information about use in specific populations, and other important information for prescribers - along with FDA-approved patient labeling. Patient Information, Medication Guide, Instructions for Use and more are directed to the patient, family, or caregiver and is formatted for ease of consumer use. Search by generic or trade name, or by national drug code.



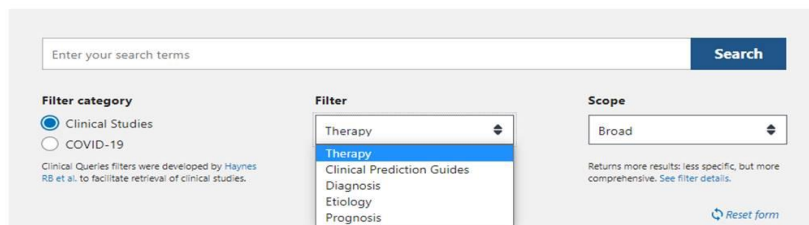
The screenshot shows the DailyMed website interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "Enter drug, NDC code, drug class, or Set ID". Below the search bar, the page title is "LABEL: PAXLOVID- nirmatrelvir and ritonavir kit". The page is divided into several sections: "VIEW PACKAGE PHOTOS", "SAFETY" (with sub-sections like "Report Adverse Events", "FDA Safety Recalls", "Presence in Breast Milk"), "RELATED RESOURCES" (with sub-sections like "Medline Plus", "Clinical Trials", "Published", "Biochemical Data Summary"), and "MORE INFO FOR THIS DRUG" (with sub-sections like "View Labeling Archives", "Reprints", "Get Label RSS Feed"). The main content area displays "NDC Codes: 0069-0345-06, 0069-0345-30, 0069-1085-06, 0069-1085-30, view more", "Package: Pfizer Laboratories Div Pfizer Inc", "Category: HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG LABEL", "DEA Schedule: None", and "DRUG LABEL INFORMATION" (updated February 6, 2023). It also includes a "VOCABULARY SECTIONS" list with items like "SPL UNCLASSIFIED SECTION" and "EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION".

Search Snippets - Clinical Queries

Finding quick information for clinical topics in PubMed can be challenging due to the sheer volume of articles in this database. The [Clinical Queries](#) page offers a solution with built-in search filters that quickly narrow down your results based on the category you select, such as therapy, diagnosis, or prognosis. Included in these filters are publication types that are most appropriate for your question category (e.g. clinical trials for therapy-related questions). You can also choose between "broad" or "specific" scope, depending how comprehensive you would like the search to be. Clinical Queries provides a search category specifically for Covid-19, as well. If you select the COVID-19 option, you will be shown a different list of filters to choose from, such as treatment, prevention, and long COVID. Clinical Queries can be accessed from the [PubMed homepage](#) under the Find menu.

PubMed Clinical Queries

This tool uses predefined filters to help you quickly refine PubMed searches on clinical or disease-specific topics. To use this tool, enter your search terms in the search bar and select filters before searching.



The screenshot shows the PubMed Clinical Queries search interface. It features a search bar with the text "Enter your search terms" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are three main sections: "Filter category", "Filter", and "Scope". The "Filter category" section has radio buttons for "Clinical Studies" (selected) and "COVID-19". The "Filter" section has a dropdown menu with "Therapy" selected, and a list of other filters: "Clinical Prediction Guides", "Diagnosis", "Etiology", and "Prognosis". The "Scope" section has a dropdown menu with "Broad" selected. Below the "Scope" section, there is a note: "Returns more results: less specific, but more comprehensive. See filter details." and a "Reset form" button.

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Monthly Readership Totals:

Last month, **Scholarly Commons @ Baystate Health** had **1074** full-text downloads and **22** new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to **7302**.

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Baystate Medical Center Nursing Report - 2018 (74 downloads)

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Nurse Residency Program: Evidence Based Practice Projects (190 downloads)

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Baystate Medical Center Nursing Report (173 downloads)

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