How to Create a Synonym
Synonym for a Drug

When a clinician needs to see the detail for a drug, for example TPN and the name that it is commonly called is not built in the system, this is usually the search result.

The search term: TPN was not found in your formulary.

If you feel you've received this message in error, check your spelling and try again.

Search DailyMed for TPN

This is not the most helpful result. But wait! Formweb has a feature that delivers the desired result.

The feature is referred to as a *synonym*. Here is how to add the synonym so that the desired monograph is the result of the search, even though the drug searched for is not on formulary. With Formweb, you can make the brand name TPN a searchable term. How do you make TPN a searchable term without actually adding it to the formulary? Create a *synonym*.
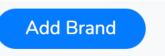Here is how you do it.

How to create a synonym:

The process for adding a synonym is very similar to adding a brand drug in your Formweb Drug Editor.
In your Drug Editor, go to *Add a Brand*. In this example, type ***TPN.** Note the ***** before the name of the drug. *The asterisk as the first character in a brand name and it tells Formweb that this is a synonym.* As usual, you would select the generic code for parenteral nutrition to associate the synonym to the generic parenteral nutrition. **No need to add the form/ strength information.**

ADD NEW BRAND:

Brand Name:	Brand Code:	Generic Code:	Form Code:	Strength:
*TPN	88982	904131		
		Display Generic Codes	Display Form Codes	

Add Brand   Just click "Add Brand" and you're done.

This makes "TPN" searchable in FormWeb and will take you to your parenteral nutrition monograph. However, TPN will NOT appear in the list of brands for parenteral nutrition. Your user can search for a drug by a commonly used name and be guided to the relevant information.

Search Results:

searched for: *TPN*

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parenteral nutrition solution
BRAND NAMES: Clinisol Sulfite-Free, Dextrose 10% and Water, Dextrose 70% and Water, Freamine III, Hepatamine

SOLUTION: Amino Acids 8% (HepatAmine); Amino Acids 10% (FreAmine III); Amino Acids 15% (Clinisol Sulfite-Free); Dextrose 10% in Water; Dextrose 70% in Water