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## 8 Steps to Help Desperate Patients Quickly Navigate Expanded Access (*STAT*)

— New website centralizes compassionate use  
guidelines for drugs

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When all else fails, patients and their physicians often must scrape together information about compassionate use and expanded use therapeutics. Now, a newly launched database called the [Expanded Access \(EA\) Navigator](#) seeks to simplify the search, [reported STAT](#).

For physicians, there's a section detailing eight steps for expanded access:

Identifying Treatment

Exploring Clinical Trials

Considering EA Programs

Considering Single-Patient EA

Requesting EA

Submitting to the FDA

Seeking IRB Approval

Treatment and Reporting

The database centralizes drug company policies, application guidelines, and availability of drugs for expanded access. In addition, the Expanded Access Navigator helps physicians walk patients through the application process.