

Educate Patients and Families

MedlinePlus offers a wide variety of resources to educate patients and their families on their disease or condition:

- **Handouts** – over 20,000 links to informational and printable web pages, PDFs and other downloadable items
- **Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary** accessible from the home page
- The **A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia** with hundreds of patient instruction pages in English and Spanish is updated quarterly
- The **Multiple Languages** link points to information in nearly 50 languages
- **Easy-to-Read** resources use common words to help patients understand diseases and conditions
- Over 170 **Interactive Tutorials** and 75 **Anatomy Videos** with simple explanations of conditions and procedures describing health conditions or medical tests in both English and Spanish updated annually
- Over 120 links to one-hour **Surgery Videos**, prerecorded webcasts of actual surgical operations with commentary
- Over 800 **Health Topics** on disorders, diagnosis, demographic groups, and more are reviewed twice a year with new links added daily
- **Directories** for libraries, health care providers, and health professionals, plus links to **Organizations**
- **Email Announcement Lists** share new topics and resources added to MedlinePlus

External Resources

- Links to selected websites vetted through the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - **Other government agencies** like the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - **Professional organizations** such as the American Dietetic Association (ADA)
 - **Other partners** including Natural Standard[®] and OR-Live, Inc.
- Links to additional resources
 - **Genetic** testing and related sites
 - **Health literacy** information
 - **Health statistics** from the National Center for Health Statistics and other government databases and resources

Need Help?

Librarians find health information for patients and professionals. To identify a local library, visit: <http://nnlm.gov/members>. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), an outreach program of NLM, provides assistance and training nationwide. Contact the NN/LM at 800-338-7657 or visit our web site at: <http://nnlm.gov>

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<http://nnlm.gov/training/resources/mp4hptri.pdf>

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MedlinePlus[®] for Health Professionals

Information for Patients & Families and Resources for Health Professionals

- **Patient Education** information including handouts and easy-to-read resources
- Links to searches of PubMed/MEDLINE for patient appropriate **Journal Articles**
- Easy to understand **patient instruction pages** available in Medical Encyclopedia
- Links to authoritative information in **Multiple Languages**
- Extensive library **Anatomy and Surgery Videos** and of **Interactive Tutorials**
- Access to **images** and **diagrams**
- Information on **Complementary and Alternative Therapies** including herbs and supplements
- See what patients are reading in **Latest news** with links to English and Spanish articles for specific topics and diseases

About MedlinePlus.gov

MedlinePlus was created for consumers by the **National Library of Medicine (NLM)** and offers free, high quality health information in English and Spanish from selected resources.

Links to NLM and NIH Databases

MedlinePlus provides links to a number of additional consumer-friendly databases:

- **ClinicalTrials.gov:** database of studies for new drugs and treatments with links to both MedlinePlus and PubMed
<http://clinicaltrials.gov/>
- **DailyMed:** FDA approved drug labels
<http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/>
- **Dietary Supplements Labels Database:** ingredient information for over 3000 selected brands
<http://dietarysupplements.nlm.nih.gov/>
- **Genetics Home Reference:** consumer-friendly information about the effects of genetic variations on human health
<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/>
- **NIHSeniorHealth.gov:** easy-to-navigate website for seniors and their caregivers, including links to videos
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/>

Information Prescription

www.informationrx.org

Point your patients to MedlinePlus – visit the **Information Rx** to order free materials:

- **MedlinePlus.gov** “prescription” pad, bookmarks, posters, and more
- **Genetics Home Reference** “prescription” pad



Find Images and Diagrams

Include *image* in the search (e.g. spine image) for links to images and diagrams:

- The **A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia** contains photographs, illustrations, and diagrams in over 4,000 articles
- Detailed images of **skin diseases** are provided by Logical Images through links to SkinsightSM
- Follow **additional links** to atlases, image galleries, radiology sites, and other visual resources

Identify PubMed® Articles

To identify articles appropriate for patients and families, MedlinePlus creates a PubMed search which automatically adds terminology to retrieve listings from consumer health journals, nursing journals, and patient education handouts for the topic or disease of interest.

On an individual Health Topic page in the English version of MedlinePlus, follow the **Journal Articles** link under **Research** and click on a "see more articles" link. Once in PubMed, use **Details** to view the exact terms used to create the search.