

## Educate Patients and Families

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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 resources with over 40 languages represented
- Over 175 **Interactive Tutorials** with simple explanations of conditions and procedures describing a health condition or medical test are in English and Spanish
- **Easy-to-Read** resources use common words to help patients understand diseases and conditions. The direct link to these items is in the lower right-hand corner of the **Health Topics** index page
- Over 200 links to one-hour **Surgery Videos**, prerecorded webcasts of actual surgical operations with commentary for patients who want to know more
- **Directories** to health professionals, health care providers, libraries and more
- **Email Announcement Lists** share when new topics are added to the web site

## Current Information

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MedlinePlus updates information regularly:

- **Health Topics** are reviewed at twice a year and new links are added daily
- **News** is updated daily
- **Medical Encyclopedia** and **Interactive Health Tutorials** are updated annually

## MedlinePlus Links to

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- Selected non-profit websites vetted through the **National Institutes of Health**
  - **Other government websites** like the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - **Professional organizations** such as the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and Mayo Clinic
  - **Other partners** including Natural Standard<sup>®</sup> and MedMaster<sup>™</sup>
- **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?

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Librarians can help find health information for patients and professionals. Contact the National Network of Libraries of Medicine<sup>®</sup> (NN/LM) office toll-free at **800-338-7657** or visit the web site at: **<http://nnlm.gov/>**

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

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## MedlinePlus<sup>®</sup> for Health Professionals

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### Information for Patients & Families and Resources for Health Professionals


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- Links to **Patient Education** information including handouts, surgery videos, and easy-to-read resources
- Links to authoritative information in **Multiple Languages**
- **Interactive Tutorials** with simple explanations of conditions and procedures
- Access to **Images** and **Diagrams**
- Information on **Complementary and Alternative Therapies** and for **Herbs** and **Supplements**
- **Searches** of PubMed/MEDLINE for patient appropriate articles
- **Latest news** with links to English and Spanish news sources for specific topics and diseases

## About MedlinePlus.gov

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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.



# MedlinePlus®

Trusted Health Information for You

A service of the U.S. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE  
and the NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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## Health Topics

Start here with 750 topics on conditions, diseases and wellness

## Drugs & Supplements

About your prescription and over-the-counter medicines, herbs and supplements

## Medical Encyclopedia

Includes pictures and diagrams

## Dictionary

Spellings and definitions of medical words

## News

Current health news and press announcements

## Directories

Find doctors, dentists and hospitals

## Go Local

A service for finding local resources for health-related issues

## Other Resources

Local health services, libraries, organizations, international sites and more


## Multiple Languages New!

Health information in over 40 languages

## Current Health News

- ▶ [Teen Blood Donors More Prone to Complications](#)
- ▶ [Good Long-Term Results Seen with Anti-Reflux Surgery](#)
- ▶ [NIH Launches Undiagnosed Diseases Program](#)
- ▶ [More news](#)

## Featured Site



Read the Spring 2008 issue of the [NIH MedlinePlus Magazine](#)

## In the Spotlight

Brain tumors are in the news. Learn more:

- ▶ [Brain Cancer](#) health topic
- ▶ [Interactive tutorial](#)
- ▶ [Latest news](#)

## Interactive Tutorials

Over 165 slideshows with sound and pictures

## ClinicalTrials.gov

Studies for new drugs and treatments


## NIHSeniorHealth


Health information for older adults


## Surgery Videos

Videos of surgical procedures

**NEW** [What's New](#)

 [Director's Comments](#)

 [NIH MedlinePlus Magazine](#)

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## Links to NLM & 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 2000 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 with videos (under Site Index)  
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/>

## Information Prescription

**www.informationrx.org**

Point your patients to MedlinePlus – visit the **Information Rx Store** 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) to find links to images and diagrams:

- The **Medical Encyclopedia** contains photographs, illustrations, and diagrams provided by A.D.A.M. Inc.
- Detailed images of **skin diseases** are provided by Logical Images through the VisualDxHealth™ Worldwide Web pages
- Follow **additional links** to atlases, image galleries, radiology sites, and more

## Identify PubMed Articles

To identify articles appropriate for patients and families, the **Journal Articles** and **see more articles** links in MedlinePlus create a PubMed search which add (in part) the following code to the topic or disease of interest:

[topic/disease] AND english[la] AND (jsubsetk OR jsubsetsn OR patient education handout [pt])

These links are available under **Research** in the English version of MedlinePlus.