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 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

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

- 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[®] and MedMasterTM
- Additional Resources
- $\circ~$ **Genetic** testing and related sites
- o Health literacy information
- **Health statistics** from the National Center for Health Statistics and other government databases and resources

Need Help?

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

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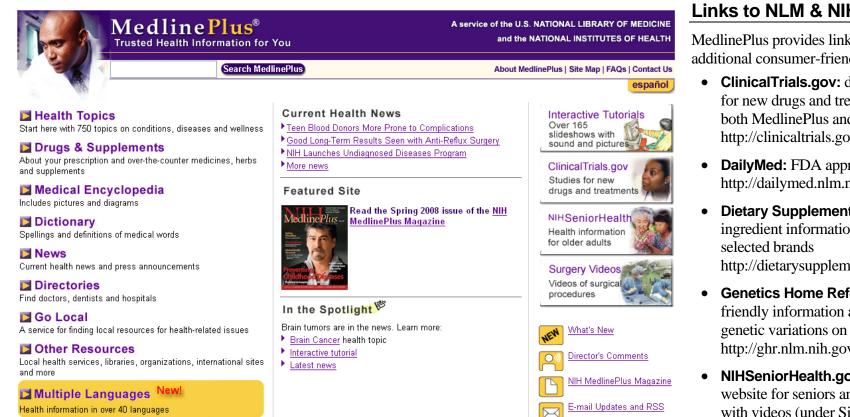
MedlinePlus[®] for Health Professionals

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

- 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

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.



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 VisualDxHealthTM Worldwide Web pages
- Follow additional links to atlases, image galleries, radiology sites, and more

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 http://dietarysupplements.nlm.nih.gov/
- Genetics Home Reference: consumerfriendly 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/

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 jsubsetn OR patient education handout [pt])

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