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HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

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# Patient Education

Providing your patients with written information about their disease or condition is an excellent way to educate them about their condition, help them become better informed about managing their disease and to increase patient compliance. The Library has many resources for patient education, all of them written with easy-to-understand terminology and many of them available in multiple languages. Using these patient education resources will help ensure that your patients are receiving high quality, accurate information.

- **[MD CONSULT](#)** (Note that this link is to the TTUHSC Databases alphabetic list. Scroll to MD Consult and click the link to get to the database.) Patient Education has nearly 10,000 handouts covering conditions, treatment and medications. About 30% of the handouts are available in Spanish and many of them have very simple illustrations. MD Consult patient education handouts can be customized to include your name, phone number and special instructions.
- **[MEDLINEPLUS](#)** is a great free internet resource to tell patients about if they want to be looking for their own information. MedlinePlus is produced by the National Library of Medicine and provides links to quality information written by medical societies and organizations. It includes information on diseases, drugs and supplements, interactive tutorials and much more. Most content is available in Spanish and a number of other languages.
- **[MICROMEDEX CARENOTES](#)** is an extensive collection of patient education organized by general information; pre-care; in-patient care; discharge care; aftercare instructions; and drug notes. Micromedex also includes great, patient-friendly information on outpatient procedures and laboratory tests. All handouts are available in Spanish.
- **[NATURAL MEDICINES DATABASE](#)** includes 1,100 patient education handouts on natural medicines and supplements. It is a great resource to use if you have patients who are using herbs and supplements and need to be educated about the effectiveness of those products, or about possible interactions with prescription medicines.

For your online needs: <http://www.ttuhscc.edu/libraries>

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