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
- The **Multiple Languages** link points to information in over 40 languages
- Over 175 Interactive Tutorials with simple explanations of conditions and procedures describing health conditions or medical tests in both English and Spanish
- Easy-to-Read resources use common words to help patients understand diseases and conditions - see Health Topics, lower right-hand corner
- Over 200 links to one-hour Surgery Videos, prerecorded webcasts of actual surgical operations with commentary those who want to know
- Directories to health professionals, health care providers, and libraries links to Go Local information
- Email Announcement Lists share new topics added to MedlinePlus
- With Current Information
 - Health Topics are reviewed twice a year; new links are added daily
 - o **News** is updated daily
 - The Medical Encyclopedia and Interactive Health Tutorials are updated annually

MedlinePlus Links To:

- Selected websites vetted through the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - 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)
- Other partners including Natural Standard[©] and OR-Live, Inc.
- Additional Resources include
 - o 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 find health information for patients and professionals. Contact the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) at **800-338-7657** or visit our web site at: http://nnlm.gov/

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MedlinePlus[®] for Health Professionals

Information for Patients & Families and Resources for Health Professionals

- 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.



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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

Current health news and press announcements

Directories

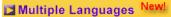
Find doctors, dentists and hospitals

Go Local

A service for finding local resources for health-related issues

Other Resources

Local health services, libraries, organizations, international sites



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









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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) for 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 links to VisualDxHealthTM
- Follow **additional links** to atlases. image galleries, radiology sites, and other visual resources

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-tonavigate website for seniors and their caregivers, including links to videos (under Site Index) http://nihseniorhealth.gov/

Identify PubMed Articles

To identify articles appropriate for patients and families, MedlinePlus creates a PubMed search which adds (in part) the following code to the topic or disease of interest:

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

Follow the links under **Research** in the English version of MedlinePlus to Journal Articles and see more articles.