



HANDOUT FOR OUR CONSUMER

A collection of useful links on various topics to Internet web sites (last revised 10/25/05).

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PATIENT EDUCATION/ INFORMATION

--An authoritative site is MEDLINEplus from the National Library of Medicine <http://medlineplus.gov/>. Other reliable sites for healthcare information:

- AAFP Health Information for Patients <http://familydoctor.org/>
- AMA Atlas of the Body <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/7140.html>
- CAPHIS (Consumer and Patient Health Information Section-MedLibAssoc) <http://caphis.mlanet.org/consumer/index.html>
- ClinicalTrials.gov (NIH) <http://clinicaltrials.gov/>
- Dr Koop <http://www.drkoop.com/>
- Family Village (disability-related) <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/>
- GSA Consumer Information Center (Health Publications) <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/health.htm>
- HealthAnswers ("videos") http://www.healthanswers.com/patco/videos_main.asp
- Healthfinder <http://www.healthfinder.gov/>

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- HealthNet (TRICARE Managed Care Support Contractor)
<http://healthnetfederalservices.com>
- HealthSquare (lots of PDR ((drug information)) publications)
<http://www.healthsquare.com/hspage2.htm>
- KidsHealth <http://kidshealth.org/>
- Kimbrough's Homepage <http://www.narmc.amedd.army.mil/kacc>
- Mayo Clinic <http://www.mayoclinic.com/index.cfm>
- Medem http://www.medem.com/medlb/medlib_entry.cfm
- Mental Help Net <http://mentalhelp.net/>
- Merck Manual (Home edition) <http://www.merckhomeedition.com/>
- Nat'l Women's Health Information Center <http://www.4woman.org/>
- NCI Cancer.gov <http://www.cancer.gov/>
- Netwellness <http://netwellness.org/>
- NHS Direct Online (Great Britain's Nat'l Health Service)
<http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/main.jhtml>
- NIH Consumer Health Information (caution: very small type!)
<http://www.nih.gov/health/consumer/conicd.htm>
- NOAH (NY Online Access to Health) <http://www.noah-health.org/> (Spanish)
- Oncolink <http://www.oncolink.upenn.edu/>
- Postgraduate Medicine: Patient Notes
http://www.postgradmed.com/pat_note.htm
- Quackwatch <http://quackwatch.com>
- TRICARE Online <http://www.tricareonline.com>
- Univ. of Pittsburgh Health Information for the Consumer
<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/chi/>
- Virtual Hospital <http://www.vh.org/>
- WebMD Health <http://my.webmd.com/>
- WRAMC Patient Ed Links
http://www.walterreed.army.mil/education/pat_edu/patient.htm

METASEARCH ENGINES

These combine the results of searches on a number of different search engines into one results page.

- Dogpile <http://www.dogpile.com/>
- Metacrawler <http://www.metacrawler.com/>
- Google <http://www.google.com>

GOVERNMENT SITES

- **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:**

- **FirstGov:** "the first-ever government website to provide the public with easy, one-stop access to all online

- US Federal Government resources" <http://www.firstgov.gov/>

- **Blue Pages:** federal agency phone numbers <http://www.bp.gov/index.cfm>

- **STATE GOVERNMENT:**

- Most state sites have URLs that follow this format: www.state.xx.us, where xx is the 2-letter postal abbreviation for the state. For instance, the state home page for Virginia would be: www.state.va.us

OTHER DIRECTORIES TO GOVERNMENT WEB SITES:

- Federal Government Publications (FDLP desktop)

- http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/index.html

- Federal Web Locator <http://www.infoctr.edu/fwl/>

- FedLaw (legal resources) <http://fedlaw.gsa.gov/>

- FedWorld <http://www.fedworld.gov/>

- Google US Gov't Search <http://www.google.com/unclesam>

- Government Information Exchange (GSA) <http://info.gov/>

- State & Local Govt. on the Net <http://www.statelocalgov.net/index.cfm>

- State Web Locator <http://www.infoctr.edu/swl/>

- US House of Representatives <http://www.house.gov/>

- US Senate <http://www.senate.gov/>

- US State & Local Gateway <http://www.statelocal.gov/>

- White House <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

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