

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 250 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
 - **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 agencies** like the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - **Professional organizations** such as the American Dietetic Association (ADA)
 - **Other partners** including Natural Standard[®] and OR-Live, Inc.
- To 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?

Librarians find health information for patients and professionals. To identify a local library, visit: <http://nnlm.gov/members/>. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), an outreach program of NLM, provides assistance and training nationwide. Contact the NN/LM at 800-338-7657 or visit our web site at: <http://nnlm.gov/>

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

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MedlinePlus[®]
Trusted Health Information for You

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.

Health Topics

Start here with 800 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

Health information in over 40 languages

Current Health News

- ▶ [Obese Middle-Aged Women Face Unhealthy Future](#)
- ▶ [Eating in America Still Unhealthy](#)
- ▶ [Social Status As a Teen Predicts Health As an Adult](#)
- ▶ [More news](#)

Featured Site



September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. [Learn more](#)

In the Spotlight

September is [National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month](#). Learn more about:

- ▶ [The Science of Addiction](#)
- ▶ [Drug Abuse](#)
- ▶ [Alcoholism](#)

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](#)

[E-mail Updates and RSS](#)

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 3000 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, including links to videos <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) 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

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 humans[mh] AND (jsubsetk OR jsubsetn 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**.