

Educate Patients and Families

MedlinePlus offers a wide variety of resources to educate patients and their families on their disease or condition:

- **Handouts** – over 28,000 links to informational and printable web pages, and downloadable items in English with over 10,000 links to Spanish materials
- The **Multiple Languages** link points to information in nearly 50 languages
- **Easy-to-Read** materials use common words for diseases and conditions
- The **A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia** in English and Spanish is updated quarterly
- Over 900 **Health Topics** on disorders, diagnosis, etc., are reviewed twice a year with new links added daily
- **Interactive Tutorials** and **Anatomy Videos** in English and Spanish, plus hour-long **Surgery Videos** updated annually
- **Directories** for libraries and health care providers plus links to **Organizations**
- **Email Announcement Lists** share new topics and resources added to MedlinePlus

Mobile MedlinePlus

<http://m.medlineplus.gov>

Put reliable health information at your fingertips with Mobile MedlinePlus:



- Summaries of disease and wellness topics
- The latest health news
- An illustrated medical dictionary
- Information on prescription and over-the-counter medications

External Resources

- Links to selected websites vetted through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) including **other government agencies**, **professional organizations** and **partners**
- Links to resources include **genetic** testing and related sites, **health literacy** information and **health statistics** from the National Center for Health Statistics

Linking to MedlinePlus

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/linking.html>

Anyone is welcome to link to MedlinePlus and/or to any of its health topic pages. Additionally, **MedlinePlus Connect** links information to Patient Portals and Electronic Health Records; see: medlineplus.gov/connect.

Need Help?

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

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MedlinePlus[®]
for Health Professionals
at: MedlinePlus.gov

Information for Patients & Families and Resources for Health Professionals

- **Patient Education** information including handouts and easy-to-read resources
- Links to authoritative information in **Multiple Languages**
- Easy to understand **patient instruction pages** available in Medical Encyclopedia
- Links to searches of PubMed/MEDLINE for patient appropriate **Journal Articles**
- Extensive library **Anatomy** and **Surgery Videos** and of **Interactive Tutorials**
- Information on **Complementary and Alternative Therapies** including herbs and supplements
- Use **Mobile MedlinePlus** to access information at the point of care
- Link health information to health records

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.

Links to NLM and NIH Databases

MedlinePlus provides links to a number of additional consumer-friendly databases:

- **ClinicalTrials.gov:** over 120,000 studies for new drugs and treatments with links to both MedlinePlus and PubMed
<http://clinicaltrials.gov/>
- **DailyMed:** over 34, 000 FDA approved drug labels
<http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/>
- **Dietary Supplements Labels Database:** ingredient information for over 6000 selected brands
<http://dietarysupplements.nlm.nih.gov/>
- **Genetics Home Reference:** information on the genetics of more than 700 human health conditions, syndromes and diseases
<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/>
- **NIHSeniorHealth.gov:** easy-to-navigate website for seniors and their caregivers
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/>

Information Prescription

www.informationrx.org

Point your patients to MedlinePlus – visit the **Information Rx** 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 **A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia** contains photographs, illustrations, and diagrams in over 4,000 articles
- Detailed images of **skin diseases** are provided by Logical Images through links to SkinsightSM
- 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 automatically adds terminology to retrieve listings from consumer health journals, nursing journals, and patient education handouts for the topic or disease of interest.

On an individual Health Topic page in the English version of MedlinePlus, under the **Research** section, click on **Journal Articles** and then the **see more articles** link. Once in PubMed, use **Search details** to view the exact terms used to create the search.