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**CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION  
ON THE WEB**

#### AMA Physician Select

<http://webapps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/home.html>

This searchable database from the American Medical Association provides basic professional information on all licensed physicians in the United States and its possessions.

#### American Dental Association

<http://ada.org/>

This site provides informational topics for oral health care as well as help finding a dentist in the United States.

#### APA Help Center

<http://helping.apa.org/>

The American Psychological Association offers information on “How to Find Help with Life’s Problems,” including when to seek help, where to find it, workplace issues, family and relationship problems, and the mind-body connection.

#### Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

The CDC is the primary federal agency charged with protecting the health and safety of people. Their web site contains an enormous amount of useful information, including the latest on disease outbreaks and topics in the news. Check out “Health and Safety Topics” for a comprehensive list of diseases and conditions, or the “Data and Statistics” page for statistics on health subjects.

#### Clinical Trials

<http://clinicaltrials.gov/>

The U.S. National Institute of Health lists federally and privately supported clinical research being conducted on human volunteers.

#### Diagnostic Tests

<http://www.health.harvard.edu/fhg/diagnostics.shtml>

This site from the online companion to the *Harvard Medical School Family Health Guide* explains diagnostic medical tests. It includes information on how to prepare for the test, what happens during the test, risks and results. You can search by the name of the test or by category (e.g., lungs, digestive system, etc.).

## Directory of America's Hospitals

<http://health.usnews.com/directories/hospital-directory/>

Profiles of more than 5,000 hospitals are presented here through the joint efforts of *U.S. News and World Report* and the American Hospital Association. Hospitals can be searched in an alphabetical index, by state, or by hospital name. Users can do a custom search combining variables such as location, hospital type, and services offered.

## Drugs.com

<http://drugs.com/>

Drugs.com offers detailed drug information. There is an index that can be searched by drug name or condition, as well as a pill identifier, a drug interaction checker, and a section on newly approved medications.

## Family Doctor

<http://familydoctor.org/>

The American Academy of Family Physicians provides clearly written information that can be searched by keyword, condition or body system. Drug information, self-care advice, and a dictionary are also available on the web site.

## Healthfinder

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/>

This U.S. government site is a virtual health library. There's information on diseases, conditions, and injuries. The "Services and Information" section provides links to information on physicians, dentists, hospitals, health fraud, Medicare, nursing homes, and more. Most information is available in Spanish.

## Household Products Database

<http://hpd.nlm.nih.gov/>

The National Library of Medicine has put together a database of more than 5,000 brand name products that might be under your sink, in your garage, or in your bathroom. You can learn about any health concerns associated with the product, the product's ingredients, and safe handling and disposal procedures. Contact information for the manufacturer is also provided.

## Johns Hopkins Health Alerts

<http://www.johnshopkinshealthalerts.com/alerts/>

This site is a free public service from Johns Hopkins Medicine which provides information on a variety of health topics of interest to middle-aged and older adults. Users can register for free health alerts.

## KidsHealth

<http://www.kidshealth.org/>

KidsHealth is a foundation sponsored website that provides information for three target audiences: parents, kids, and teens. The site is easy to navigate and understand, especially for children.

## MayoClinic.com

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/index.cfm>

The Mayo Clinic offers a wealth of information on diseases and conditions, drugs, medical tests, healthy living, and much more on this well-organized site. Users can sign up for the Mayo Clinic Health Manager, a free online tool that provides personalized health guidance for each member of your family. The Mayo Clinic also provides a variety of blogs and podcasts for various medical topics.

## Medicare

<http://www.medicare.gov/>

Here's the official site of the U.S. government for people with Medicare. Use this site to find and compare Medicare prescription drug plans.

## MEDLINEplus

<http://www.medlineplus.gov/>

The National Library of Medicine provides authoritative and up-to-date consumer health information on this site. There are more than 700 conditions, diseases, and wellness topics presented, as well as drug information, medical dictionaries and encyclopedias, current health news, and directories that will help you find doctors, dentists, and hospitals. An interesting link provides interactive tutorials and surgery videos. Most of the site is available in Spanish.

## Merck Source

<http://www.mercksource.com/>

This searchable site includes the *Merck Manual—Home Edition*, an illustrated health encyclopedia, the *PDR Family Guide to Over-the-Counter Drugs*, and an interactive body guide. There are also patient resources to help you understand a diagnosis, find a doctor, find a clinical trial in your area, as well as interactive tools to help you manage your health.

## National Cancer Institute

<http://www.cancer.gov/>

This is the federal government's extremely comprehensive website for cancer information.

## National Institute of Health

<http://www.nih.gov/>

The National Institute of Health offers general health information on many topics, which can be searched alphabetically, by body system, or by topic. There's also information on clinical trials, health hotlines, grant and funding opportunities, and scientific resources.

## NOAH: New York Online Access to Health

<http://www.noah-health.org/>

NOAH provides access to "high quality full-text consumer health information in English and Spanish that is accurate, timely, relevant, and unbiased."

## OncoLink

<http://www.oncolink.org/>

The Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania maintains this site which includes information on different types of cancer, updates on cancer treatments, and aids to find any relevant clinical trials.

## Quackwatch: Your Guide to Quackery, Health Fraud, and Intelligent Decisions

<http://www.quackwatch.org/>

Quackwatch, Inc. is “an international network of people who are concerned about health-related frauds, myths, fads, fallacies, and misconduct. Its primary focus is on [quackery](#)-related information that is difficult or impossible to get elsewhere.” They define “quackery” and provide information on a long list of questionable products and services.

## RxList – The Internet Drug Index

<http://www.rxlist.com/>

You may search this site by generic or brand name for patient information, indications, side effects, and drug interactions.

## WebMD

<http://www.webmd.com/>

Users can find information on diseases and conditions, medical tests, drugs and treatments, interactive tools (some require free registration), and a resource area for checking your symptoms.

## YourSurgery.com

<http://www.yoursurgery.com/>

This is an online guide to many surgical procedures. Basic information and illustrations are provided free of charge.

### Looking in the Library? Check these call numbers for a book:

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| Alzheimer's Disease | 616.8   | Diabetes             | 616.46  |
| Arthritis           | 616.722 | Dieting              | 613.5   |
| Back Pain           | 617.5   | Digestive Health     | 616.3   |
| Bipolar Disorder    | 616.89  | Family Health        | 613     |
| Cancer              | 616.994 | Fertility            | 616.692 |
| Cardiac Health      | 616.12  | Pregnancy/Childbirth | 618.24  |
| Children's Health   | 618.92  | Prescription Drugs   | 615.1   |
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