

MEDLINEplus Tutorial


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Definition

- MEDLINEplus is the U.S. National Library of Medicine's web site for quality consumer health information.
- Found at: <http://medlineplus.gov>
- Also available in Spanish at <http://medlineplus.gov/spanish/>



MEDLINEplus[®]

Health Information

A service of the U.S. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE
and the NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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Start here with over 590 topics on conditions, diseases and wellness

▶ Drug Information

About your prescription and over-the-counter medicines

▶ Medical Encyclopedia

Includes pictures and diagrams

▶ Dictionaries

Spellings and definitions of medical words

▶ News

Health News from the past 30 days

Current Health News

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National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

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Over 150 slideshows with sound and pictures



ClinicalTrials.gov

Studies for new drugs and treatments



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Health information for older adults



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Features

- Over 500 **Health Topics** with links to evaluated health information from the National Institute of Health and other high quality sources
- **Drug Information**
- **Dictionaries, Directories, and Encyclopedias**
- **Current Health News** from the past 30 days from various news services

Overview

- MEDLINEplus Features/Categories conveniently organize the wealth of health information available.
- A search query box at the top of each web page is also available for searching MEDLINEplus.
- A link to *Clinicaltrials.gov* is found on the homepage and connects users to current information on clinical trials.

Health Topics

- MEDLINEplus contains over 500 health topics with information on conditions, diseases and wellness issues.
- Begin by clicking on **Health Topics** from the MEDLINEplus homepage.
- Select a particular health topic by first letter, by broad group, or by Frequently Requested Topics.

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Health Topics

Find your topic by first letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	XYZ

[Interactive Health Tutorials](#)

Learn from over 150 slideshows
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Frequently Requested Topics:

[AIDS](#)
[Back Pain](#)
[Breast Cancer](#)
[COPD \(Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease\)](#)
[Diabetes](#)
[Fibromyalgia](#)

Find your topic by broad group:

Disorders and Conditions - Body Location/Systems

- [Blood/Lymphatic System](#)

Procedures

- [Procedures and Therapies](#)

- [Symptoms and Manifestations](#)



Internet

Drug Information

- Selecting **Drug Information** allows you to browse by brand or generic drug name for information on more than 9,000 prescription and over-the-counter drugs.
- The page also links to the latest drug news from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Browse by first letter of generic or brand name drug:

A-Am	An-Az	B	C-Ch	Ci-Cz	D-Dh	Di-Dz
E	F	G	H	I-J	K-L	M-Mh
Mi-Mz	N-Nh	Ni-Nz	O	P-Pl	Pm-Pz	Q-R
S-Sn	So-Sz	T-To	Tp-Tz	U-V	W-Z	0-9

For additional drug information, see the MEDLINEplus [About Your Medicines](#) and [Drug and Medical Device Safety](#) pages

The **Food and Drug Administration** provides late-breaking news on:

- [Consumer Drug Information](#)
- [Warnings, Recalls, and other Drug Information](#)
- Safety Information Summaries from MedWatch for years: [2000](#), [2001](#), [2002](#)

For drugs in clinical research studies, see [ClinicalTrials.gov](#)

Search [MEDLINE](#) for specific research articles on your drug

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Dictionaries, Directories, and Encyclopedias

- Look for a medical definition or check spelling with the **Dictionary** tool.
- **Directories** allows you to obtain contact information for doctors, dentists, and other health professionals and for hospitals and health facilities.
- The **Medical Encyclopedia** offers access to photographs, diagrams, and illustrations on many medical conditions.

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Directories

Find doctors, dentists and hospitals

Other Resources

Organizations, consumer health libraries, international sites, MEDLINE and more

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In the Spotlight

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month. Learn more:

[MEDLINEplus Health Topic Page on Glaucoma](#)

[Interactive Health Tutorial on Glaucoma](#)

[Glaucoma Quiz](#) from the National Eye Institute

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Current Health News

- **Current Health News** highlights the latest health news published each day for the last 30 days.
- The news articles are taken from the New York Times Syndicate, AP News Service, Reuters Health Information and other sources.

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News

The past 30 days of news from the New York Times Syndicate, AP News Service, Reuters Health Information and others.

Also see [health news by topic](#).

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December: [31](#) [30](#)

January 2003

Tuesday, January 28

- [Needle Fight Plagues Bush Smallpox Plan](#) (United Press International)
- [Some Epilepsy Patients Can't Avoid Surgery](#) (United Press International)



Interactive Tutorials

- A useful location for patient education resources is **Interactive Tutorials**. The tutorials explain procedures and conditions in easy-to-understand language.
- Found at:
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorial.html>

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Interactive Health Tutorials

The tutorials listed below are interactive health education resources from the [Patient Education Institute](#). Using animated graphics each tutorial explains a procedure or condition in easy-to-read language. You can also listen to the tutorial.

NOTE: These tutorials require a special Flash plug-in, version 4 or above. If you do not have Flash, you will be prompted to obtain a free download of the software before you start the tutorial.

- **Diseases and Conditions**

- [Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm](#)
- [Acne](#)
- [Alopecia](#)
- [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis \(ALS\)](#)
- [Angina](#)
- [Anthrax](#)
- [Asthma](#)

- **Tests and Diagnostic Procedures**

- [Barium Enema](#)
- [Breast Lump - Biopsy](#)
- [Colonoscopy](#)
- [Coronary Angiography and Angioplasty](#)
- [CT Scan \(CAT Scan\)](#)
- [Cystoscopy](#)
- [Diagnostic Laryngoscopy](#)

Additional Assistance and Training

- Click on **About MEDLINEplus** to access Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and take an introductory tour of MEDLINEplus.
- Or you can contact the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, which is an outreach program of the National Library of Medicine, at 1-800-338-7657.

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MEDLINEplus Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- General questions
 - What is MEDLINEplus? [Answer](#)
 - Can you give me some statistics on MEDLINEplus? [Answer](#)
- Using MEDLINEplus
 - How do I find information about my disease or condition? [Answer](#)
 - I'm not sure how to spell the name of my disease/medical condition. How do I find it in MEDLINEplus? [Answer](#)
 - How do I find the most current research information on my disease/medical condition? [Answer](#)
 - I found my topic on MEDLINEplus, but I really needed treatment information and there wasn't any listed. Where should I look now? [Answer](#)
 - Why isn't my topic on MEDLINEplus? [Answer](#)
- How information is selected



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- Contact us for any additional information or assistance on finding consumer health information:

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