Patient Education Handouts

Databases (from the LSUHSC-S Library home page):
MDConsult – The What Patients are Reading section contains popular topics reported in the press and media and is updated weekly. The Patient Handouts section arranges all of the handouts by topic under two divisions: All Topics and Conditions and Treatments by Category. Authorized users can customize and print copies of handouts as needed.

CINAHL via Ovid or EBSCOhost – A Subject Search that is limited to Consumer-Patient-Teaching-Materials as a Publication Type will produce consumer health and patient education references and citations.

MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series – Offers patient education leaflets (including alternative and complementary medicine) on disease and treatment information, as well as over-the-counter and commonly prescribed drugs. Select The CareNotes System or AltCareDex at the Patient Ed tab.


Web Site


Consumer Health Sites

Information Sites

MedlinePlus  [http://www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov)  A National Library of Medicine database for the consumer; links to resources containing reliable consumer health information, or other Web-based or electronic health information resources. Includes links to many other consumer health sites.

healthelinks  [http://www.healthelinks.org](http://www.healthelinks.org)  A list of selected consumer-health websites covering diseases and conditions, medicines, procedures and surgical operations, and Louisiana health-related sites.


Choices in Health Information  [http://www.nypl.org/branch/choices/](http://www.nypl.org/branch/choices/)


Healthweb  [http://www.healthweb.org](http://www.healthweb.org)  Links to non-commercial sites.

Oncolink  [http://www.oncolink.upenn.edu](http://www.oncolink.upenn.edu)  For health care workers and patients; cancer-related.


Describes how tests work, how to prepare for them, how long before results will be available.


Taubman Medical Library  “Finding Consumer Health Information Online”  [http://www.lib.umich.edu/taubman/consumer.html](http://www.lib.umich.edu/taubman/consumer.html)  Links to many sites on general health information, cancer, drugs, and other health-related sources.

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Health Organization Listings
The National Organization of Rare Disorders  http://www.rarediseases.org/
National Institutes of Health’s Office of Rare Diseases  http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/
or  http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/organizations/orgbytopic_a.html
These two listings of organizations provide health information in alphabetical order or grouped by health topic.

Reference Books
Medical Library Association “Deciphering Medspeak”  http://www.mlanet.org/resources/medspeak
Continuously updated with the latest information for the lay person.

Clinical Trials
ClinicalTrials.gov  http://www.clinicaltrials.gov
Provides patients, family members, and consumers current information about clinical research studies.
CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Service  http://www.centerwatch.com
Lists mainly industry-funded clinical trials.
CancerTrials  http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov
Listing by the National Cancer Institute.

Drug Resources
Medwatch  http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety.htm
The Medical Letter for Drugs and Therapeutics  http://www.medletter.com
The FDA, Medwatch, and Medical Letter sites contain the latest information on new drugs and recently identified risks.
Comprehensive information on older drugs.
RxList  http://www.rxlist.com/
Index to prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Alternative Medicine
National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine  http://nccam.nih.gov/
National Cancer Institute’s CancerNet Treatment Options: Complementary and Alternative Medicine  http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/cancertopics/treatment/cam

Locating an Expert
Provides the names of local specialists.
The American Board of Medical Specialties  http://www.abms.org
Verification of board certified doctors.

Toxicology and Hazardous Materials
A database of toxic chemicals and environmental health risks where you live, work and play.
A database of occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals.

Nutrition
Accesses government information on food and human nutrition.

See also  Durkin, Cecelia, comp.  Consumer Health: A Guide to Internet Information Resources.