



# Medical Information at your Fingertips

## Where can I find websites that have reliable medical information?

NIH (National Institutes of Health): <http://www.nih.gov/> One of the top health research centers in the world, the NIH strives to improve individual health by conducting and supporting research throughout the US and abroad and disseminating public health information.

NLM (National Library of Medicine): <http://www.nlm.nih.gov> The world's largest bio-medical library, the NLM collects and disseminates biomedical information through medical libraries, NNLM, Medline, and MedlinePlus.

NNLM (National Network of Libraries of Medicine): <http://www.nlm.gov/>

A cooperative of health libraries that strive to advance medicine and improve health by providing health professionals with access to health information and disseminating health information to the public.

MedlinePlus: [www.medlineplus.gov](http://www.medlineplus.gov) MedlinePlus has extensive information from the National Institutes of Health and other trusted sources on over 700 diseases and conditions. The site provides a medical encyclopedia and a medical dictionary, health information in Spanish, extensive information on prescription and nonprescription drugs, lists of hospitals and physicians, health information from the media, and links to thousands of clinical trials.

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine:

<http://nccam.nih.gov> A division of the NIH, the NCCAM researches alternative and complementary medicine practices, provides educational opportunities for practitioners, disseminates information, and works to integrate alternative and complementary medicine practices into conventional medicine.

CAPHIS (Consumer and Patient Health Information Section)

<http://caphis.mlanet.org/> An MLA educational resource for consumer health librarians that promotes the education of librarians in consumer health, provides continuing education opportunities, and encourages the development of consumer health information guidelines.

Medical Library Association: <http://www.mlanet.org/> The professional organization of the health sciences information field. The MLA supports the education of health information professionals as well as research and access to health information.

### MedLinePlus

#### Special points of interest:

- Easy to read medical information
- Prescription and OTC drug information
- Find a medical library
- Clinical Trials
- Dictionary
- Current News Stories
- Senior Health Information
- Interactive Tutorials

## Is there some sort of Certification I can get?

The Medical Library Association offers a Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) for information professionals, including medical and public librarians, paraprofessionals, and allied health professionals. <http://www.mlanet.org/education/chc>

Classes are offered nationally throughout the year, with two levels of certification available. Level I requires twelve (12) hours of class time and Level II requires twenty-four (24) hours of class time.

The Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) helps information professionals keep current in the consumer health information field by providing access to new resources and ideas in the field. The CHIS also provides an additional level of expertise in the area of consumer health.

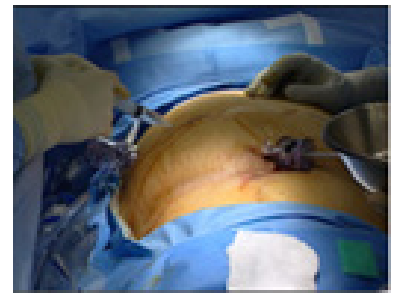
## Wanna watch a real surgery??

MedlinePlus now has pre-recorded videos (webcasts) of surgical procedures done in the United States.

Each video lasts an hour and requires RealPlayer for viewing.

The webcasts are actual operations performed at U.S. medical centers since January 2004

**Surgeries include:**  
Bones, Joints and Muscles  
Brain and Nervous System  
Cancers  
Child and Teen Health  
Heart and Circulation  
**And more . . .**



## MedlinePlus Go Local!!!!

The "Go Local" links on MedlinePlus health topic pages take you to information about health services in local geographic areas. These links include Web sites from hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, support groups, health screening providers and many others. You can link directly from each MedlinePlus health topic to services related to that particular topic.

On the MedlinePlus Go Local resource page there are links to NLM hosted system trainings, a list of current participants and much more for you and your community.

Go Local is expanding to cover areas all over the United States, and the Pacific Northwest region is hoping to participate in the near future!



## MedlinePlus in the news

MedlinePlus, has received many awards and recognition as one of the best medical reference sites for consumers.

MedlinePlus was the 2004 Medicine on the Net Web Excellence award winner, and is considered one of the “seven most trusted sites in health”



by Yahoo! Internet Life. PC World calls MedlinePlus “the gold standard” for medical information on the web.

For information about these and more awards and recognition go to:

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

## Medical Journals for Clinical and Consumer Information

*Health Care on the Internet* – Articles and web resources related to various health topics, conditions, and diseases.

<http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J138>

*Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet* – A resource to help consumers find health information on the Web.

<http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J381>

*Journal of Hospital Librarianship* - Intended for the medical librarian. Provides information about the technical and administrative aspects of medical librarianship.

<http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J186>

*Health Information & Libraries Journal* – Written for practitioners, researchers, and students who support health care. Communicates the latest trends in information management and libraries.

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=1471-1834&site=1>

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Something for everyone!**



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### **Further Resources**

**CHID - Combined Health Information Database** (National Institutes of Health )

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

CHID is a bibliographic database produced by health-related agencies of the federal government. This database provides titles, abstracts, and availability information for health information and health education resources.

**Closing the Health Gap** (minority health)

<http://www.healthgap.omhrc.gov/consumers2004.htm> (topic specific information)

<http://www.healthgap.omhrc.gov/2005factsheet.htm> (statics)

Closing the Health Gap is an educational campaign designed to help make good health an important issue among racial and ethnic minority populations, who are affected by serious diseases and health conditions at far greater rates than other Americans

**Consumer Health: An Online Manual.** (National Networks of the Library of Medicine, South Central Region, 2000) <http://nmlm.gov/scr/conhlth/chweb.htm>

**Healthfinder** (US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) <http://www.healthfinder.gov/>

This site has reliable health information geared to age groups, as well as health news, special health events and a hot topic section. An excellent first stop for new computer users.

**NIH News in Health**

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

A monthly newsletter providing practical health news and tips based on the latest NIH research.