

The Doña Ana Branch Community College Library System has many resources to help you when doing research in the health and medical field. The following is a select list of reference books, online resources, and health and medical web sites. By no means is this list complete – just a few to get you started.

health & medical reference books

- ***Encyclopedia & Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, & Allied Health*** (Ref R 121 .M65)
Covers many new, updated and changed terminology in the medical field. Includes some pictures and charts. Written for the layperson.
- ***Health Care State Rankings*** (Ref RA 407.3 .H423)
Updated annually, this book includes statistics and rankings on health care in the United States. Everything from the costs of health care to the states with the highest percentages of certain diseases.
- ***The Merck Manual of Medical Information*** (Ref RC 81 .M55)
Explains disorders, their symptoms, how they're diagnosed, how they might be prevented, and how they can be treated. Also available on the Web (see Health & Medical Web sites).
- ***The Harvard Medical School Family Health Guide*** (Ref RC 81 .H38)
This book provides comprehensive health information in an easy to understand format. Much of the information comes from the Harvard Medical School.
- ***Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR)*** (Ref RS 75 .P5)
A comprehensive guide that contains complete description and drug labels for FDA approved products. Includes information on manufacturers and both brand and generic drugs. Also, a product guide with full color pictures to aid in identification.
- ***Health Reference Series (Sourcebooks)*** (Check for call numbers in the library's online catalog)
A series that contains a wealth of information about a wide variety of medical topics.

online health resources

Using the Library's website <<http://dabcc.nmsu.edu/library>>, select E-Journals & Databases and then one of the following:

- **Alt HealthWatch**
This alternative health database provides full text for more than 140 publications in the collections, providing in-depth coverage across the full spectrum of subject areas covered by complementary and alternative medicine dating back to 1990.
- **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**
This database provides more than 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines.
- **Health Source: Consumer Edition**
This database is a collection of consumer health information, providing information on many health topics including the medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health.
- **CINAHL**
An authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers.

health & medical web sites

- **MedlinePlus** (<http://www.medlineplus.gov/>)
Excellent general health information on diseases and conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, or Alzheimer's. You can also find information on nutrition and wellness, as well as drugs and medications. Includes a complete medical encyclopedia with color illustrations as well as interactive tutorials.
- **The Merck Manuals Online** (<http://www.merck.com/pubs/>)
The online versions of various *Merck Manuals*, the quick-reference texts, including *The Merck Manual – Home Edition*, *The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy*, *The Merck Manual of Health & Aging*, *The Merck Manual of Geriatrics*.
- **MayoClinic.com** (<http://www.mayoclinic.com/>)
This Web site is produced by the respected health clinic, owned by the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research. Its purpose is to provide health education to its clinic patients and to the general public.
- **National Library of Medicine Databases** (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hinfo.html>)
Gateway to databases such as Medline, MedlinePlus, ToxTown, AIDS and cancer information, and clinical trials.
- **PubMed (Medline)** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/>)
Online index/citation database for biomedical literature, as well as an online index to other life sciences journals. Provides free access to Medline and additional resources.
- **HealthWeb** (<http://healthweb.org/>)
Large directory providing links to a variety of online health resources, including documents, articles, organizations and associations.
- **MedWeb @ Emory University** (<http://www.medweb.emory.edu/MedWeb/>)
Links to information on diseases and conditions, publications, evidence-based medicine, and health care administration.
- **Virtual Hospital: A Digital Library of Health Information** (<http://www.vh.org/>)
Information for providers organized according to organ systems, medical disciplines, common problems, and information types (e.g., textbooks).
- **Healthfinder** (<http://www.healthfinder.gov/>)
This user-friendly Website is in English and Spanish, and provides fact sheets on health topics that can easily be printed out. It also has a kid's section with games, and lots of information on health agencies and organizations.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (<http://www.cdc.gov/>)
The main public health site on the Web. It includes links to articles and reports on current health hazards, epidemics and disease outbreaks, environmental health information and health statistics, and an alphabetical listing of information on health topics.
- **NOAH (in Spanish and English)** (<http://www.noah-health.org/>)
A comprehensive consumer site. Users may select from a list of health topics which are then narrowed to include definitions, care and treatment, and lists of information resources.
- **InteliHealth** (<http://www.intelihealth.com/>)
The information is drawn from reliable branded sources. All information and products on the site are looked at by a team of top medical experts before inclusion to ensure reliability.
- **Familydoctor.org: Health information for the whole family** (<http://familydoctor.org/>)
From the *American Academy of Family Physicians*, this site offers patient education documents for common medical concerns and conditions. All articles are written by members of the Academy.