

Consumer Health Electronic Databases and Internet Sites

Free Health Databases:

[MEDLINEplus](http://www.medlineplus.gov) <<http://www.medlineplus.gov>>

Provides access to 750 health topics, medical encyclopedias and dictionaries, and links to self-help groups, clinical trials, preformulated PubMed searches, lists of hospitals and physicians, health and information in Spanish and other languages. Designed for consumers

[PubMed--National Library of Medicine](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/) <<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>>

From the National Library of Medicine, PubMed indexes the medical, veterinary, allied health and health care literature. PubMed contains citations to approximately 16 million scholarly journal articles from 1950 - present. This database has abstracts for the majority of its citations. Designed for researchers and health professionals

Free Health Internet Sites:

[COD Library's Consumer Health Internet Sites page](http://www.cod.edu/library/libweb/Kakuk/Consumer_Health/consumerwebsites.htm)

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Annotated lists of quality Internet sites arranged by subject category

For more free online site links and a variety of other consumer health resources, check out the College of DuPage [Consumer Health Resource Guide](#)

<http://www.cod.edu/library/libweb/Kakuk/consumer_health.htm>

Subscription Consumer Health Databases:

There are many health/medical-related subscription databases available. Some are designed for laypeople (health consumers) and others are designed for researchers, health science students and health science professionals. Depending on a library's users, a mixture of consumer-level and professional-level databases may be required. Remember too that some health consumers have need of advanced (professional) level resources. For a listing (and description) of professional-level databases, check out the Ebsco Web site: <http://www.ebscohost.com/default.php> and Gale Cengage Learning: <http://www.gale.cengage.com/>. Below is a list of subscription databases designed specifically for health consumers:

Alt HealthWatch (EBSCO)

Consumer Health Complete (EBSCO)

Health and Wellness Resource Center (Gale)

Health Reference Center (Gale)

Health Source: Consumer Edition (EBSCO)

Student Resource Center Health Module (Gale)

*note that health and wellness material can also be found within more "general" subscription databases such as Academic OneFile (Gale), Academic Search Premiere (EBSCO), and the Discovering Collection (Gale).

Check out your local public, school, academic, or special (hospital or patient) libraries to see what databases are available to you! The nice thing about databases is that you usually get FREE access to them with your library card (many times you can get 24/7 access from home not just access within your library).