



Nursing: A Guide to Selected Resources

The following is a selective list of information resources that will guide you in locating and using medical and nursing information. It is not intended to be comprehensive. Please consult a reference librarian for advice on the best sources and research strategy for your specific topic.

Directories

American Hospital Association Guide to the Health Care Field

Reference RA977.A1 A46

RSP Funding for Nursing Students and Nurses

Reference RT79 .R76

(Also available online through PITTCat)

Nursing / Health Sciences Literature Databases

*Locate under “Find Articles” tab, then click “By TITLE” under “Databases.”

CINAHL (Nursing and Allied Health)*

The *CINAHL* database covers nearly 1000 English-language nursing and allied health journals. Subjects covered include biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, behavioral sciences, consumer health, health management, and education.

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition*

This resource provides more than 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. It includes full-text articles from *Issues in Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing*, *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, *Journal of Community Health Nursing*, *Journal of Nursing Management*, *Nursing Diagnosis*, *Nursing Ethics*, and many more journals. Also includes the *Clinical Pharmacology* database, providing access to drug monographs for all U.S. prescription drugs, hard-to-find herbal and nutritional supplements, over-the-counter products, and new drugs.

Medline*

MEDLINE provides authoritative medical information on clinical medicine, experimental medicine, dentistry, nursing, health services administration, nutrition, and many other topics. Over 3,500 journals are indexed and most entries have abstracts. Some instructors recommend using the Ovid MEDLINE interface, which is accessible at <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/>.

MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series*

The MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series provides a wide range of databases tailored to meet the needs of healthcare professionals. It includes the *Physician's Desk Reference*. It is searchable by drug name, toxic substances, diseases, drug interactions, and more.

PsycINFO *

This database is the electronic version of *Psychological Abstracts*. Its indexing coverage is from 1887 to the present and includes all types of documents. It is international in scope, including relevant materials related to the field of social work. Includes some full-text.

PubMed

PubMed can be accessed through the Health Sciences Library at <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/>. It comprises more than 21 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites.

Web of Science *

Web of Science provides access to Science Citation Index and Social Sciences Citation Index. These databases bring together indexing for over 8,000 scholarly journals. It includes approximately 15,250 new cited references and 2,250 new articles per week.

Dictionaries

<i>Bailliere's Midwives' Dictionary</i>	Available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Black's Medical Dictionary</i>	Reference R121 .B598 2004b Also available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Dictionary of Biomedical Sciences</i>	Reference R121 .G623 2002
<i>Dictionary of Medical Acronyms & Abbreviations</i>	Available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary</i>	Reference R121 .D73 2003 Also available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Mosby's Medical, Nursing, and Allied Health Dictionary</i>	Reference R121 .M89 1998
<i>Stedman's Medical Dictionary</i>	Reference R121 .S8 2006 Also available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary</i>	Reference R121 .T18 2005 Also available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>

Encyclopedias and Atlases

<i>Atlas of Emergency Medicine</i>	Reference RC86.7 .A85 2002 Also available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Birth Control</i>	Available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Encyclopedia and Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health</i>	Reference R121 .M65 2003b
<i>Encyclopedia of Infectious Diseases</i>	Available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Encyclopedia of Medicine</i>	Reference RC41 .G35 2006 Also available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health</i>	Reference RT21 .G353 2007 Also available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>

Handbooks and Manuals

<i>Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment</i>	Available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Drug Dosage Calculations For The Emergency Care Provider</i>	Reference RS57 .M54 2003
<i>Handbook of Multiple Sclerosis</i>	Available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>Harrison's Online - Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine</i>	Available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>

<i>Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice</i>	Reference RT42 .H65 2005
<i>Intravenous Medications</i>	Reference RM170 .G33 2006
<i>Manual of Nursing Diagnosis</i>	Reference RT51 .G67 2010
<i>Merck Manuals Online</i>	Available online through PITT <i>Cat</i>
<i>The Merck Manual of Medical Information</i>	
<i>Merck Manual of Geriatrics</i>	
<i>The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy</i>	(Also in print: Reference RC55 .M4 2006)
<i>The Merck Manual of Health and Aging</i>	
<i>Nurse's Legal Handbook</i>	Reference RT86.73 .N855 2004
<i>Physician's Desk Reference: PDR</i>	Reference RS75.P6
<i>PDR for Herbal Medicines</i>	Reference RM666.H33 P37 2000

Specialties in Nursing

Community Health

<i>Case Studies in Community Health Nursing Practice</i>	RT98 .C38 1999
<i>Community Health Nursing: Promoting the Health of Aggregates</i>	RT98 .S9 2007
<i>Handbook of Community-Based and Home Health Nursing</i>	Reference RT98.S782 2000

Evidence-Based Nursing / Nursing Research

<i>Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing and Health Care</i>	RT42.I584 2006
<i>Internet for Nursing Research : a Guide to Strategies, Skills, and Resources</i>	RT81.5 .I58 2004
<i>University of Minnesota-Twin Cities' Evidence-Based Health Care Project</i> http://evidence.ahc.umn.edu/ebn.htm	
<i>Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice (ACE)</i>	http://www.acestar.uthscsa.edu

Geriatric Nursing

<i>Encyclopedia of Elder Care</i>	Reference RC954 .E53 2001
<i>Gerontological Nursing</i>	RC 954 .G4737 1995

Maternal-Child Nursing

<i>Essentials of Maternal-Newborn Nursing</i>	RG 951. L33 1994
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Nursing Diagnosis

Clinical Applications of Nursing Diagnosis

RT48.6 .C6 2002

Pediatric Nursing

Atlas of Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Available online through PITT*Cat*

Pediatric Care Planning

Available online through PITT*Cat*

Free Web Resources

There is a wealth of information on the World Wide Web. This list is intended to be a very selective list of some of those available.

Governmental Resources

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

<http://www.ahrq.gov/about/nursing/>

Centers for Disease Control

<http://www.cdc.gov>

National Library of Medicine

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.dhhs.gov>

Pennsylvania Department of Health

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/departement_of_health_home/17457

Professional Organizations

American Nurses Association

<http://www.nursingworld.org/>

National Council of the State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

<http://www.ncsbn.org/>

National League for Nursing

<http://www.nln.org/>

Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society

<http://www.nursingsociety.org>

Pennsylvania Nurses Association

<http://www.panurses.org/>

MetaSites

CyberNurse

<http://www.cybernurse.com/>

Nurse.com

<http://www.nurse.com>

Yahoo Nursing Directory

<http://dir.yahoo.com/Health/Nursing>

Nursing Center.com

<http://www.nursingcenter.com>

Online Study Aids

Human Anatomy Online

<http://www.innerbody.com/htm/body.html>

To use this site, choose among ten systems: skeletal, digestive, muscular, lymphatic, endocrine, nervous, cardiovascular, male or female reproductive, and urinary. Users can view animations of the system, tutorials, and descriptions.

McGill University Virtual Stethoscope

<http://sprojects.mmi.mcgill.ca/mvs/mvsteth.htm>

Features a virtual stethoscope (Real Player needed) to assess both respiratory and cardiovascular conditions. This tutorial is one of more than 50 created by McGill medical students covering topics such as Biomedical Ethics and Law in Clinical Practice, Clinical Nutrition, Immunology, and Virtual CPR.