



Library and Information Technology Forum

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*“NIHSeniorHealth & MEDLINEplus :
Web-based Resources for
Caregivers and the Elderly”*

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NLM

- National Library of Medicine
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>
- One of the National Institutes of Health
- Current Areas of Focus
- Information Products/Databases/Services
<http://nnlm.gov/partners> - public health
<http://medlineplus.gov> - consumer health
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov> - senior/caregiver
<http://nnlm.gov>- Regional Medical Library program



SeniorHealth

Featuring Health Information for Older Adults

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This website for older adults was developed by the [National Institute on Aging](#) and the [National Library of Medicine](#), both part of the [National Institutes of Health](#).

[National Institute on Aging](#), [U.S. National Library of Medicine](#)
[National Institutes of Health](#), [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#)

NIHSeniorHealth Demo

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov>

- Developed in collaboration with the National Institute on Aging
- Easily accessible for those 60+
- Useful tool for family and friends
- Senior-friendly site design

Web Site Design

- NIA research on older adults –
 - Cognitive aging
 - Computer usage
 - User Evaluated
- Features – booklet on web design for seniors –
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/checklist.pdf>
 - Large print
 - Short, easy to read “pages”
 - Repetition for retention

Organization

- Health topics
 - Alzheimer's disease
 - Alzheimer's caregivers
 - Exercise for older adults
- Evolving and expanding

Content

- General background information
- Open-captioned videos
- Short quizzes
- FAQ's

Points to emphasize

- NIH / NLM making health information accessible to Seniors
- Designed in a way to assist seniors based on usability evaluations with Seniors

Send NLM your feedback!



MEDLINEplus[®]

Health Information

A service of the U.S. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE
 and the NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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▶ Health Topics

Start here with over 570 topics on conditions, diseases and wellness

▶ Drug Information

About your prescription and over-the-counter medicines

▶ Medical Encyclopedia

Includes pictures and diagrams

▶ Dictionaries

Spellings and definitions of medical words

▶ News

Health News from the past 30 days

▶ Directories

Find doctors, dentists and hospitals

▶ Other Resources

Current Health News

- ▶ [Pediatrics Academy Urges Flu Shots](#)
- ▶ [Pa. School District to Offer STD Testing](#)
- ▶ [Widely Used Test Wrongly Diagnoses Many As Demented](#)
- ▶ [More news](#)

Featured Site



Learn about your health and the environment in [Tox Town](#), a new web site from the National Library of Medicine.

In the Spotlight

MEDLINEplus is now available in Spanish, linked from the top of every page.

Interactive Tutorials

Over 150 slideshows with sound and pictures



ClinicalTrials.gov

Studies for new drugs and treatments



NIH SeniorHealth

Health information for older adults



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MEDLINEplus

- Web-based database of *authoritative* health information
- Over 500 health topics, content reviewed every 6 months
- Links checked daily
- No advertising
- Types of materials included:
 - Daily Health News
 - Adam.com Medical Encyclopedia
 - Drug Information
 - Directories / Dictionaries
 - Links to pre-formulated searches of MEDLINE on PubMed

- **<http://medlineplus.gov>**
 - Health topics
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 - News
 - Directories
 - Other Resources
 - Current Health News
 - Featured Site
 - In the Spotlight – *en espanol*
 - Sign up for weekly announcements
 - Links: tutorials, clinical trials, NIHSeniorHealth

Health Topics

- Search box
- Topic alpha listing by first letter
- Broad group listing
- Interactive health tutorials
- Frequently requested topics

Health Topic Pages

- Table of contents
- Link to NIH research on topic
- Link to MEDLINE search for recent research articles
- Broader topic suggestions

Drug Information

- Search box
- Browse by generic or brand name
- Brand names, description, side effects
- Will add photos of pills in future update
- Late-breaking news updates



Medical Encyclopedia

- 4,000 articles
- Color illustrations
- Definitions

Health News

- Displays on home page and on each topic page
- Can search stories by topic
- Archived for 30 days



Interactive Health Tutorials

- Currently 90+ tutorials
- Basic information
- Text in easy to read language
- Audio for those who don't read well
- Spanish Language tutorials as well



QUESTIONS?

Thank you!

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