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Reference Works

General medical reference

APAP faculty directory (REF R697.P45 A78 2000)

Current critical care diagnosis & treatment (REF RC86 .C87 2002)

Current surgical diagnosis & treatment (REF RD31 .C89 2003)

Dorland's illustrated medical dictionary (REF R121 .D73 2003)

Emergency medicine: a comprehensive study guide (REF RC86.7 .E57828 2004)

Encyclopedia & dictionary of medicine, nursing, & allied health (REF [R121 .M65 1992](#))

Encyclopedia of primary prevention and health promotion (REF RA427.8 .E53 2003)

Essential otolaryngology (REF RF58 .E88 2003)

From program to program: a guide to beginning your new career (REF R697 .P45 F925 1999)

Medical meanings: a glossary of word origins (REF R123 .H29 2003)

Merck manual of diagnosis and therapy (REF RM127 .M4 1999)

Mosby's diagnostic and laboratory test reference (REF [RB37 .P24 2003](#) 85)

Mosby's 2005 medical drug reference (REF RM301.12 .M66 2005)

Physicians' desk reference: PDR (REF RS75 .P5 2005)

Smith's general urology (REF RC871 .S5 2004)

Tabers cyclopedic medical dictionary (REF R121 .T18 2005)

Online Journal Databases

EBSCO Academic Search Elite

Offers information in nearly every area of academic study. Provides full text for nearly 1,850 publications, including more than 1,250 peer-reviewed journals. Indexes literature back to 1985.

Scirus – Science Search Engine

Scirus is a comprehensive science-specific search engine. Scirus searches over 167 million science-specific Web pages, enabling users to quickly pinpoint scientific, scholarly, technical and medical data on the Web. It filters out non-scientific sites and finds peer-reviewed articles often invisible to other search engines

Advance for Physician Assistants: Online Edition

This site describes itself as "the only peer-reviewed publication that is practical, readable and designed for all PA's, regardless of their professional affiliation."

BioMed Central

BioMed Central is an independent publishing house committed to providing immediate free access ('open access') to scholarly biomedical literature. The research articles in all journals published by BioMed Central are '[Open Access](#)'. A number of journals require an institutional or a personal subscription to view other content, such as reviews or paper reports. Free trial subscriptions to these journals are available.

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Provides access to virtually all nursing and allied health journals as far back as 1940. Provides bibliographic information with very limited full-text.

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Provides access to over 600 full text education journals, including more than 450 peer reviewed titles. Some titles go back to 1975.

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Look at the Medicine and the Public Health sections for nursing and health sciences titles.

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Assists users in finding electronic journals. When you search "nursing" and limit to "free" and "peer reviewed" you retrieve six e-journal titles.

[FreeMedical-Journals.com](#)

This site permits unrestricted free access to a large number of medical journals. Some titles are not available in full-text until 6-24 months after publication.

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This site provides links to a collection of books, press releases, newsletters, and special reports. Subscriptions are necessary to gain full access to all resources at this site.

[HighWire Press](#)

Provides access to almost 300 journal titles with a focus in science, technology and medicine. Most are available in full-text. Current year is not available.

[PubMed](#)

This is one of the best sources for medical and life sciences information. Covers all languages, not full-text, from mid-1960's forward.

INDIVIDUAL JOURNAL TITLES:

[New England Journal of Medicine](#)

Free full-text version available

[Postgraduate Medicine](#)

Free full-text access available. Written for the primary care providers.

Web Sites

For additional web sites check the PA home page at [Chatham College](#).

<p>Burns Burnsurgery.org - Comprehensive, loaded with good information, intended to be used as an educational site for healthcare professionals working with burn patients all over the world.</p>	<p>General Medicine MayoClinic.com Reliable information for a healthier life. AN interesting site with health suggestions, discussion of disease conditions, recipes, videos, and more.</p>
<p>Cardiology Lipids Online An educational resource on atherosclerosis.</p>	<p>Neurology Neuropsychology & Behavioral Neuroscience Covers the exam, issues, assessment, treatment, and more.</p>
<p>Cardiology Heart Sounds Tutorial You can choose the sounds you want to hear or you may test yourself on sounds chosen for you.</p>	<p>Oncology Oncolink University of Pennsylvania's source of cancer-related information.</p>
<p>Pediatric Medicine Children and Adolescents with Special Health Care Needs knowledge path Offered by the Maternal & Child Health Library at Georgetown University, this site "includes links to electronic and print publications, databases, and journal articles on general and specific aspects of care and development of this special population."</p>	<p>Ophthalmology Diseases & Conditions Simulations This site gives the healthcare provider a sense of what his/her patient is seeing when diagnosed with different eye diseases.</p>

<p>Continuing Education Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Medical Education Provides links to live CME, online CME, and webcasts as well as medical publications.</p>	<p>Pathology Interactive Case Study Companion to Robbin's Pathologic Basis of Disease Presents tutorials - many cases with graphics.</p>
<p>Cultural Awareness Ethnicity Online Cultural awareness in healthcare. "This online resource is intended to help broaden awareness of the needs of ethnic groups using healthcare services - as well as the needs of healthcare staff from ethnic minorities."</p>	<p>Pathology Virtual Autopsy Users are presented with 18 cases to autopsy!</p>
<p>Dermatology DermIS Contains lots of graphics with information on etiology, epidemiology, treatment, and more.</p>	<p>Pharmacology Rx List - The Internet Drug Index Provides information on pharmacology of the drug, dosage, side effects/warnings, contraindications, and patient information</p>
<p>Anatomy Practical Guide to Clinical Medicine One of the best sources on the web for instruction on how to perform a physical exam The site is sponsored by the University of California, San Diego and contains links to not only instructions on how to perform the exam, but also direction on how to present an oral report, how to write up your observations, commonly used abbreviations, and more. The text is supported with colored photographs, graphs, charts, drawings, video simulations, and links to audio simulations and other web sites.</p>	<p>Psychology National Center for PTSD Not just for veterans, this government site is reliable, informative, easy to use, well organized, up-to-date and comprehensive in its coverage of post-traumatic stress disorder. It contains fact sheets, FAQs, information on numerous assessment measures, indexes, and links.</p>

Organizations

American Cancer Society

Links and data from the American Cancer Society.

American Medical Association

Contains a 'doctor finder', newsroom, professional resources, journal archives, information about the AMA, and more.

CDC (Centers for Disease Control)

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) is an agency within the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. It is responsible for protecting and promoting the nation's health. In support of that mission they are engaged in ongoing research and in disseminating their findings to the federal, state and local government, the public, and the world

FASTATS - National Center for Health Statistics

The NCHS is the nations principal health statistics agency.

National Institutes of Health

This site is great for information on projects, resources, institute news, grant & funding opportunities, research training and scientific resources at the National Institutes of Health.

Personal Digital Assistants -- Fee & Free Programs

Avantgo – PDA Web browser – Available channels include Clinical Evidence
<http://avantgo.com/products/solutions/individuals.html>

Epocrates – Clinical Drug **Database** <http://www.epocrates.com>

Ectopic Brain <http://pbrain.hypermart.net/>

Johns Hopkins Division of Infectious Disease Antibiotic Guide <http://www.hopkins-abxguide.org/>

NAEPP Expert Panel Report 2: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma
http://hp2010.nhlbihin.net/as_palm.htm

WISER - **Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders** -- released by the National Library of Medicine, this product provides emergency responders with critical information about hazardous substances.

Style Manuals

There are a number of different styles available both online and in the library collection. Check with your course professor about which to use for your assignment.

APA Citation Guide (via Ohio State University)

Citation & Style Guides (Concordia University)

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