

Web Sites for Public Health Nursing

Search Engines

Search through huge indexes of web sites and view the results

- Google <http://www.google.com/>
 - Google Advanced Search: can limit search to language, file format, i.e., PDF, date, occurrences, i.e., in title, domain
- Yahoo <http://www.yahoo.com/>

Meta-Search Engines

Search multiple search engines simultaneously and view the results

- DogPile <http://www.dogpile.com/>
- Vivisimo <http://vivisimo.com/>
 - Clusters results to enhance relevancy

Database Searching

- CHID Online (Combined Health Information Database) <http://chid.nih.gov/>
 - A bibliographic database of health information and education resources produced by health-related agencies of the federal government
 - Many resources in CHID not indexed elsewhere
- ClinicalTrials.gov <http://clinicaltrials.gov>
 - information about federally and privately supported clinical research in human volunteers
- ProQuest
 - Mostly full-text access to journal and newspaper articles
 - Available through the King County Public Library and the Seattle Public Library with your library card number
- PubMed <http://pubmed.gov/>
 - Provides access to MEDLINE and other health-related databases, with links to participating online journals and other related databases and web resources
 - NLM's premier bibliographic database covering the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and the pre-clinical sciences. MEDLINE contains bibliographic citations and author abstracts from more than 4,800 biomedical journals published in the United States and 70 other countries.
- TOXNET <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>
 - Databases in toxicology and environmental health, including:
 - HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank) <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?HSDB> Data file focusing on the toxicology of potentially hazardous chemicals

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- TOXLINE <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?TOXLINE>
Online bibliographic information covering biochemical, pharmacological, physiological, and toxicological effects of drugs and other chemicals
- IRIS <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?IRIS.htm>
Toxicology data file containing data in support of human health risk assessment
- TRI (EPA's Toxics Release Inventory) <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?TRI> Annually compiled series of databases containing information on the annual estimated releases of toxic chemicals into the environment
- DART/ETIC (Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology/Environmental Teratology Information Center) <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?DARTETIC.htm>
Bibliographic database covering teratology and other aspects of developmental reproductive toxicology
- CCRIS (Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System) <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?CCRIS> Scientifically evaluated and fully referenced data bank, developed and maintained by the National Cancer Institute (NCI)
- GENE-TOX (Genetic Toxicology) <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?GENETOX> Database created by the EPA and containing genetic toxicology test data resulting from expert peer review of the open scientific literature on over 3000 chemicals

Evidence-Based Practice and Guidelines

- AHRQ Evidence Reports <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcix.htm>
- Bandolier <http://www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/>
 - Evidence summaries
- Cochrane Library, including the Database of Systematic Reviews <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/mrwhome/106568753/HOME>
 - Gold standard for high quality systematic reviews
 - Abstracts free; full-text requires subscription
- CMA Infobase <http://mdm.ca/cpgsnew/cpgs/>
 - Canadian Medical Association clinical practice guidelines
- Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE) <http://144.32.150.197/scripts/WEBC.EXE/NHSCRD/start>
 - Compilation of structured abstracts of quality assessed systematic reviews
- Evidence-Based On-Call <http://eboncall.org/>
 - Evidence summaries and recommendations
- HealthLinks: Evidence-Based Practice <http://healthlinks.washington.edu/ebp>
 - Extensive list of links to evidence based practice resources and calculators
- National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC) <http://www.ngc.gov/>
 - A public resource for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines
- PubMed Clinical Queries/Systematic Reviews <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/static/clinical.html>

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- Can also search PubMed using Limits, such as meta-analysis, randomized controlled trial, and practice guideline
- SUMSearch <http://sumsearch.uthscsa.edu/>
 - Meta-search engine of evidence resources
- TRIP Database <http://www.tripdatabase.com/>
 - Meta-search engine including links to evidence-based clinical practice guidelines
 - Subscription required for full access through Trip+

Journals (Free, Full-Text)

- BioMed Central <http://www.biomedcentral.com/>
 - Independent publishing house providing immediate free access to peer-reviewed biomedical research
 - Includes BMC Public Health, an open-access, peer-reviewed journal
- Free Medical Journals <http://www.freemedicaljournals.com/>
- Hardin Free Medical Journals <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/ej.html>
- Highwire Press <http://highwire.stanford.edu/>
 - A Stanford University web site providing full-text access to nearly 300 highly cited journals, including scientific, medical, and social sciences information
- MMWR: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>
- Northwest Public Health http://healthlinks.washington.edu/nwcphp/nph/readers_info.html#subscribe
 - biannual publication of the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine dedicated to promoting the discussion of public health issues, ideas, and innovations
- PubMed Central <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>
 - The National Library of Medicine's free and unrestricted digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature

News/Current Awareness

- CNN Health <http://www.cnn.com/HEALTH/>
- Medscape <http://www.medscape.com/>
 - Comprehensive site organized by specialty featuring journal articles, practice guidelines, CE, treatment updates, news, conference summaries and patient resources
 - Free registration
 - Includes Public Health and Prevention and Nurses specialty home pages
- My NCBI <http://pubmed.gov/>
 - Free email alerting service that performs periodic searches for current information on PubMed
- New York Times Health <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/health/>
- ProQuest Newspapers
 - Mostly full-text access to journal and newspaper articles
 - Available through the King County Library System and the Seattle Public Library with your library card number
- USA Today Health <http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/healthdigest.htm>
- Washington State Newsstand
 - Newspaper coverage from Washington State newspapers

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- Available through the King County Library System and the Seattle Public Library with your library card number
- World Health News <http://www.worldhealthnews.harvard.edu/>
 - Digest of news stories and commentaries from newspapers and magazines worldwide on pressing issues in public health
- Yahoo! News <http://news.yahoo.com/>

Nursing

- American Nurses Association <http://nursingworld.org/>
- Allnurses.com: It's how Nurses surf the web <http://allnurses.com/>
- NursingCenter <http://www.nursingcenter.com/>

Patient/Health Education, including Cross-Cultural Resources

- Culture Clues <http://depts.washington.edu/pfes/cultureclues.html>
 - Tip sheet designed to increase awareness about concepts and preferences of patients from diverse cultures
- EthnoMed <http://ethnomed.org/>
 - A cross-cultural medicine database containing information about cultural beliefs and medical issues pertinent to healthcare of recent immigrants in the Northwest
- Health and Wellness Resource Center
 - Bibliographic coverage of consumer health literature including full-text articles, pamphlets, and reference books (including Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine)
 - Available through the King County Public Library or the Seattle Public Library with your library card number
- HealthFinder <http://www.healthfinder.gov/>
 - U.S. government gateway to consumer health information; links to carefully selected information and Web sites from over 1,700 health-related government agencies and not-for-profit organizations
- HealthLinks Patient Toolkit <http://healthlinks.washington.edu/patient>
 - University of Washington links to patient education sources
- Household Products Database <http://hpd.nlm.nih.gov/>
 - Health and safety information on consumer household products
- Medem <http://www.medem.com/>
 - Medical information for the public provided by leading medical societies
- MEDLINEplus Health Information <http://medlineplus.gov/>
 - Best starting point for consumer health materials with links chosen and reviewed for quality by the National Library of Medicine
 - Includes: health topics (on over 700 diseases); an illustrated medical encyclopedia; drug information (full-text); Clinical Trials; directories of doctors, hospitals, and libraries; interactive health tutorials; and the latest Health News
- Multilingual Health Information <http://nmlm.gov/train/chi/multi.html>
 - Includes resources for specific languages and various glossaries
- NetWellness <http://www.netwellness.org/>
- NIH Health Information <http://health.nih.gov/>

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- Provides access to consumer health information from the National Institutes of Health
- NOAH: New York Online Access to Health <http://www.noah-health.org/>
 - Includes English and Spanish high quality, full-text information for consumers
- NORD: National Organization for Rare Disorders <http://www.rarediseases.org/>
 - Abstracts of disease reports and information about patient organizations from NORD's Rare Disease Database
 - Available through the King County Public Library with your library card number
- Tox Town <http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/>
 - Introduction to toxic chemicals and environmental health risks encountered in everyday life, in everyday places
- A User's Guide to Finding and Evaluating Health Information on the Web <http://www.mlanet.org/resources/userguide.html>
 - Includes an annotated list of the "Top Ten" and recommended cancer, diabetes, and heart disease websites

Public Health

- American Public Health Association <http://www.apha.org/>
 - Oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, representing more than 50,000 members from over 50 occupations of public health.
 - Public Health Links from the American Public Health Association http://www.apha.org/public_health/ Resources demonstrating the range of topics devoted to public health issues on the web
 - Public Health Nursing Section <http://www.csuchico.edu/~horst/>
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/>
- EPA: Environmental Protection Agency <http://epa.gov/>
 - Provides leadership in the nation's environmental science, research, education, and assessment efforts; works closely with other federal agencies, state and local governments to develop and enforce regulations under existing environmental laws
- NIH: National Institutes of Health <http://www.nih.gov/>
- Northwest Center for Public Health Practice <http://healthlinks.washington.edu/nwcphp/>
 - information, learning resources, and online tools that support day-to-day public health practice
- Partners in Information Access for Public Health Workforce <http://phpartners.org/>
 - A collaboration of U.S. government agencies, public health organizations and health sciences libraries
 - Includes resources for health promotion; literature and guidelines; links to health data sets and statistics; grant and funding opportunities; legislative advocacy sources; Finding People, a directory of people and organizations in public health; and conferences/meetings
 - Includes Healthy People 2010 Information Access Project with pre-formulated PubMed evidence-based search strategies for selected Healthy People 2010 focus areas <http://phpartners.org/hp/>
- Public Health Foundation <http://www.phf.org/>

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- Provides Links to Public Health Organizations and Resources Online
<http://www.phf.org/links.htm>
- Washington State Department of Health <http://www.doh.wa.gov/>

Statistics Sources

- American FactFinder <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?lang=en>
 - source for population, housing, economic, and geographic data
- CDC Wonder <http://wonder.cdc.gov/>
 - Single point access to reports and numeric public health data
 - Searchable compilation of CDC reports, guidelines, and health data for disease (by ICD-9 code) and demographic groups
 - Includes data on AIDS, cost-benefit analysis, chronic disease prevention, cancer surveillance, census data, fatal accidents, STDs, health reform, Data 2010: Healthy People 2010 database, injuries, *MMWR*, natality, prevention guidelines and tuberculosis
- FastStats A to Z <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/>
- Fedstats <http://www.fedstats.gov/>
 - Gateway to statistics from 100 federal agencies
- National Center for Health Statistics <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>
- State Health Facts Online <http://www.statehealthfacts.kff.org/>
 - State-level data on demographics, health, and health policy, including health coverage, access, financing, and state legislation
- Statistical Abstract of the United States <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>
- Washington State Health Data <http://www.doh.wa.gov/Data/data.htm>
 - Links to data tables or data you can query online

Subscription Services

Fee-based websites for health professionals

- MD Consult <http://home.mdconsult.com/>
 - Collection includes full-text journals, reference textbooks, health news, and patient education handouts
- UpToDate <http://www.uptodate.com/>
 - Concise comprehensive reviews of clinical topics in multiple specialties

Textbooks

- Clinician's Handbook of Preventive Services: Put Prevention Into Practice
<http://www.ahcpr.gov/clinic/ppiphand.htm>
- Merck Manual of Medical Information <http://www.merck.com/mmhe/>

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