



Ten Steps to Finding Health Information on the Web to Improve Patient Care

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1. Search a Database to Find Journal Articles

- a. PubMed pubmed.gov
- b. PubMed at the UW (how to use PubMed) healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/pubmed
- c. NLM Gateway gateway.nlm.nih.gov/gw/Cmd
- d. Free e-journal websites
 - i. Biomed Central www.biomedcentral.com
 - ii. Free Medical Journals www.freemedicaljournals.com
 - iii. Highwire Press highwire.stanford.edu
 - iv. PubMed Central pubmedcentral.gov
- e. Order Articles Online for a Fee
 - i. UW Document Services <https://healthlinks.washington.edu/hsl/docservices/services.html>
 - ii. Loansome Doc healthlinks.washington.edu/hsl/docservices/lds-na.html

2. Search for Evidence

- a. PubMed Clinical Queries/Systematic Reviews
www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/static/clinical.shtml
- b. Cochrane Library (fee) www.cochrane.org
- c. National Guideline Clearinghouse guideline.gov
- d. Trip Database www.tripdatabase.com

3. Keep Current With Email Alert Services

- a. My NCBI for PubMed pubmed.gov
- b. PubMed: My NCBI help page healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/myncbi.html
- c. Health News
 - i. CNN Health www.cnn.com/HEALTH
 - ii. New York Times Health nytimes.com/pages/health
 - iii. USA Today Health www.usatoday.com/news/health/front.htm
 - iv. Yahoo! News news.yahoo.com

4. Explore e-Textbooks

- a. UpToDate (fee) uptodate.com
- b. MD Consult (fee) mdconsult.com
- c. UW e-Textbooks healthlinks.washington.edu/textbooks
- d. Merck Manual of Medical Information www.merck.com/mmbe
- e. Merck Manual of Geriatric Information www.merck.com/mrksshared/mmg/home.jsp
- f. emedicine emedicine.com

5. Keep Up with Drug Resources

- a. Micromedex (fee) www.micromedex.com
- b. CDER www.fda.gov/CDER
- c. MedlinePlus Drug and Herbal Information www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html
- d. DrugInfonet.com www.druginfonet.com/index.php?pageID=drug.htm
- e. Drugs.com drugs.com
- f. PillBot.com pillbot.com
- g. RxList rxlist.com
- h. Drug Resources for PDAs
 - i. Epocrates Rx epocrates.com
 - ii. PDA Resources for UW healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/pda

6. Explore Patient Education Sites

- a. MEDLINEplus medlineplus.gov
- b. MLA Top 10 Most Useful Health Web Sites mlanet.org/resources/medspeak/topten.html
- c. My Health Toolkit healthlinks.washington.edu/myhealth
- d. Lab Tests Online labtestsonline.org

7. Use Cross-Cultural Healthcare Resources

- a. EthnoMed ethnomed.org
- b. Culture Clues depts.washington.edu/pfes/cultureclues.html
- c. SPIRAL spiral.tufts.edu

8. Navigate the Web Beyond Basic Google

- a. Google Advanced Search www.google.com/advanced_search?hl=en
- b. Google Scholar scholar.google.com
- c. Clusty clusty.com
- d. Dogpile dogpile.com

9. Evaluate Health Information on the Web

- a. Criteria for Evaluating Websites healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/navigating/criteria.pdf
- b. Thinking Critically about Discipline-Based World Wide Web Resources
www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/college/help/critical/discipline.htm

10. Contact your Ultimate Search Engine...a librarian!

- Ten Steps Handout: healthlinks.washington.edu/hsl/liaisons/schnall/auburn.html
- PowerPoint presentation: healthlinks.washington.edu/hsl/liaisons/schnall/auburn.ppt

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