

J. W. Crane Memorial Library

Virtual Reference Desk

The following links to freely accessible web-based reference resources have been selected by library staff.

- If you have difficulty accessing any of these sites, please contact the Laurie Blanchard at 831-2943 or by e-mail at: lblanchard@deerlodge.mb.ca
- Search the J.W. Crane Library online catalogue at www.deerlodge.mb.ca/library for access to a more extensive selection of links to relevant websites, databases, documents and other resources on the World Wide Web.

... Literature Searching

Pubmed:

The National Library of Medicine's (US) PubMed, a service of the National Library of Medicine, includes over 14 million citations for biomedical articles back to the 1950's. These citations are from MEDLINE and additional life science journals. PubMed includes links to many sites providing full text articles and other related resources

<http://www.pubmed.org>

Ageline:

Produced by the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), Ageline is a searchable electronic database containing detailed summaries of publications about older adults and aging, including books, journal and magazine articles, research reports, and videos.

<http://research.aarp.org/ageline/>

Caredata:

<http://www.elsc.org.uk/caredata/caredata.htm>

CareData, produced by the National Institute for Social Work (UK), does extensive abstracting of relevant social work and social care literature. It contains over 50,000 summaries of books, central and local government reports, research papers, and publications of voluntary organisations, and articles from a wide range of journal titles - academic, research, practice and news-orientated. The database covers UK, North American and other English-language resources.

...Finding Free Full Text Journals

Directory of Open Access Journals

This service covers free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals. There are now 838 journals in the directory

<http://www.doaj.org/home>

Free Medical Journals Online

<http://freemedicaljournals.com>

Now lists over 1350 titles. Titles indexed by Medline are in bold face in the A-Z listings.

...Internet Subject Guides

These guides contain health information sites evaluated and selected by subject experts.

AgeSource Worldwide

http://research.aarp.org/general/agesource_about.html

Information about aging from more than 25 countries around the world. Describes clearinghouses, databases, directories, etc. focusing on aging and allied subjects.

Health Care Information Resources

<http://www-hsl.mcmaster.ca/tomflem/top.html>

Compiled by Tom Flemming, a health librarian at McMaster University in Hamilton, this site contains extensive links to health information on the Internet.

National Electronic Library for Health

<http://www.nelh.nhs.uk/>

A project of the UK's National Health Service, the goal of this site is to provide clinicians with access to the best knowledge sources and clinical expertise to support healthcare-related decisions

OMNI (Organising Medical Networked Information)

A gateway to evaluated, quality Internet resources in health and medicine created by a team of information specialists and subject experts based at the University of Nottingham Greenfield Medical Library (UK).

<http://omni.ac.uk>

Social Science Information Gateway

This service aims to provide a trusted source of selected, high quality Internet information for researchers and practitioners in the social sciences, business and law.

http://www.sosig.ac.uk/about_us

...Clinical Practice Guidelines

National Guideline Clearinghouse

Sponsored by the US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, this is a clearinghouse for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines including Canadian, British and Australian resources.

www.guideline.gov

...Dictionaries

Merriam-Webster OnLine:

General dictionary and thesaurus

<http://www.m-w.com>

Medical Dictionary

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/mplusdictionary.html

...Geriatric Texts and Tools:

Merck Manual of Geriatrics

http://www.merck.com/mrkshared/mm_geriatrics/home.jsp

This resource specifically addresses the challenges facing geriatric care. It includes information on nursing care, pharmacy issues, and discussions of the best drugs for the elderly.

Geriatrics at Your Fingertips. Online Edition, 2004. David B. Rueben et. al.

www.geriatricsatyourfingertips.org

Free with registration.

Published by the American Geriatrics Society, this is a comprehensive reference to clinical geriatrics that provides up-to-date, practical information on the evaluation and management of diseases and disorders most common to elderly people

Gero T.I.P.S. Online - University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
Web-based learning modules include falls, pressure ulcers, medications, behaviour, palliative care.
http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/centers/hcgne/gero_tips/resources/res_default.htm

Assessment Tools from Robert Stall's Educational web page:
Geriatrics for patients, caregivers and health care professionals.
<http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~drstall/assessmenttools.html>

University of Iowa. Iowa Geriatric Education Center
Links to several assessment tools.
<http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/igec/tools/default.asp>

...Consumer Health Information

Sources of authoritative health information designed for the general public.

Canadian Health Network

Funded by Health Canada, the CHN is a national, non-profit, bilingual web-based health information service designed to provide Canadians with the information they're looking for on how to stay healthy and prevent disease
<http://www.canadian-health-network.ca>

MEDLINE Plus.

The National Library of Medicine's (US) MEDLINEplus has extensive information from the National Institutes of Health and other trusted sources on over 600 diseases and conditions. The site also includes a medical encyclopaedia and dictionary, and extensive information on prescription and non-prescription drugs, health information from the media, and links to thousands of clinical trials
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/>

MultiLingual-Health-Education.net

A unique resource created by a non-profit alliance of Canadian health agencies providing access to health information in a variety of languages.
<http://www.multilingual-health-education.net>

National Institute on Aging (U.S.) – Age Pages and other resources

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

Single page fact sheets for older adults on a wide variety of diseases and disorders and other helpful resources.

...Evaluating Health Information

DISCERN Instrument

Developed by the British Library and Oxford University, The DISCERN website is consists of an online version of the DISCERN instrument and handbook, developed initially to evaluate consumer health information in conventional print media. DISCERN may also be a useful tool for assessing a broad range of consumer health information on the internet.

http://discern.org.uk/discern_instrument.htm

Using health information on the Internet.

A guide to evaluating health information designed for consumers from the Canadian Health Network.

<http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/servlet/ContentServer?cid=1042668266218&pageName=CHN-RCS%2FPage%2FShellStaticContentPageTemplate&c=Page&lang=En>

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