



## **Electronic Databases**

### **CINAHL Plus with Full Text**

Coverage: 1937 to present

Full Text: A large amount

Description: The Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature covers all English-language nursing journals and over 1600 professional journals in nursing, allied health disciplines, and health sciences librarianship. Offers citations of healthcare books, nursing dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, educational software in nursing, audiovisuals, and book chapters. Also includes Evidence-based Care Sheets, Quick Lessons on a variety of topics, CEU (Continuing Education Units) records, and Research instrument records. Includes material from **CINAHL Select** and **Pre-CINAHL** (contains references to new journal articles for which complete records have not yet appeared). So searching **CINAHL Plus with Full Text** provides the most comprehensive full-text coverage in Nursing and Health Sciences.

### **Gale Virtual Reference Library and CREDO Reference**

Full Text: Yes

Description: Includes online, medical reference sources, such as Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, as well as other encyclopedias and dictionaries.

### **Academic Search Complete**

Coverage: 1975 to present

Full Text: A goodly amount

Description: Contains a great deal of full-text scholarly and peer-reviewed journal articles on a wide range of subjects, including Nursing and Allied Health.

### **MEDLINE/PubMed**

Coverage: 1950 to present

Full Text: Some

Description: MEDLINE provides authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, pre-clinical sciences, and more; offers users access to information from all journals indexed in the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE file. **PubMed** is the NLM's preferred web-based search engine to access the 12 million citations in MEDLINE and Pre-MEDLINE (with links to participating online journals). **PubMed Central**, <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov>, is the National Institutes of Health (NIH) free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature.

### **MedlinePlus**

Location: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aboutmedlineplus.html>

Full Text: Yes

Description: The "first place" to go for authoritative consumer health information. "MedlinePlus brings together authoritative information from NLM, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other government agencies and health-related organizations." It "also has extensive information about drugs, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, **interactive patient tutorials**, and latest health news." Also includes links to other key agency/organization sites, including the World Health Organization.

### **Consumer Health Complete**

Coverage: 1984 to present

Full Text: Some

Description: The largest consumer health resource produced by Ebsco. Includes a **Medical Image Collection** consisting of 500 medical-related images from Nucleus Medical. Also includes **videos and animated content**.

### **Salud en Espanol**

Coverage: 1994 to present

Full Text: Yes

Description: The Spanish version of Consumer Health Complete.

### **Wiley InterScience**

Coverage: Varies according to journal title. Some backfiles included.

Full Text: Some

Description: Wiley InterScience is an online content service from John Wiley & Sons with full text from over 300 scientific, technical, medical, and professional journals, plus major reference works, the acclaimed Current Protocols laboratory manuals, and full text of select Wiley print books online. **Includes some abstracts from the Cochrane Library which contains systematic reviews of medical research.**

### **CAM on PubMed**

Coverage: As early as 1966

Full Text: Yes

Location: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nccam/camonpubmed.html>

Description: Developed by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine and the National Library of Medicine, CAM is a subset of the **PubMed** database.

### **Health & Wellness Resource Center**

Coverage: 1980 to present

Full Text: Some

Description: **Note:** This source includes access to **many medical reference sources**, including [Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine](#), [Gale Encyclopedia of Childhood and Adolescence](#), and [PDR Family Guide to Nutrition and Health](#). Trusted health web sites, drug finders, and health assessment tools are also included here, as well as 2, 200 general interest health publications, and over 400 health and medical journals. Hundreds of **streaming videos** that are physician-generated with the participation of major medical institutions are included in the package, as well.

### **PsycINFO**

Coverage: 1887 to present

Full Text: Some (about 300 journals)

Description: PsycINFO covers the professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines including medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, and other areas. Coverage is worldwide and includes references to dissertations and chapters in books, in addition to journal articles.

### **Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection**

Coverage: 1965 to present

Full Text: Some

Description: Contains full-text articles from journals in Psychology and related fields, including peer-reviewed titles.

### **Dissertations and Theses: Full Text**

Coverage: 1997 to present.

Full Text: Yes

Description: This is a full-text database of dissertations from accredited U.S. institutions, but only from recent years.

### **Dissertation Abstracts International**

Coverage: 1861 to present.

Full Text: No

Description: References to dissertations from accredited U.S. institutions, as well as selected master's theses.

## **Internet Resources**

**See Also: Government Information, Electronic Resources.**

### **BioMed Central**

Location: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/home/>

"This resource publishes more than 140 open access journals covering all areas of biology and medicine. Most of its publications are freely available to the public, although some require a paid subscription. Included are journals on nutrition, public and international health, and [BMC Nursing](#), specifically for nurses (<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcnurs/>)."

### **Border Health Resources**

Location: <http://www.library.uthscsa.edu/rahc/internet/hispanic.cfm>

Description: This page originates from the Regional Academic Health Center Library in Harlingen, Texas, located in Deep South Texas.

### **CHARTing Health Information for Texas**

Location: <http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/charting>

Description: This site provides subject access to publicly-accessible data for the state of Texas. Topics include: data by cause of illness, injury, or death (breakouts by: cancer; chronic disease; maternal and child health; infectious disease; suicide, accident, and injuries; and other); and socio-demographic and community characteristics (breakouts include: access to health care; criminal justice data; economic indicators; education/schools; employment & labor; environmental & occupational exposure; risk behaviors; and socio-demographic data). This site is maintained by the UT School of Public Health at Houston.

### **Demographic and Health Surveys**

Location: <http://www.measuredhs.com/>

Description: The DHS Program has collected, analyzed, and disseminated accurate data on population, health, HIV, and nutrition through surveys in over 75 countries. It is funded by USAID and other donors.

### **Essential Nursing Resources**

Location: <http://www.nln.org/nlnjournal/nursingreferences.htm>

Description: Interagency Council of Information Resources for Nursing. Hosted on the National League for Nursing site.

### **Introduction to Evidence-Based Medicine**

Location: <http://www.hsl.unc.edu/services/tutorials/ebm/index.htm>

Description: Tutorial from Duke University Medical Center Library and the Health Sciences Library, UNC-Chapel Hill

### **Healia**

Location: <http://www.healia.com/healia/>

Description: A gateway to high quality and personalized health information developed under a Small Business Innovation Research award from the National Cancer Institute.

### **HealthWeb Nursing Page**

Location: <http://healthweb.org/browse.cfm?subjectid=60>

This is a well-organized collection of evaluated, noncommercial resources created by a number of leading medical centers in the Midwest.

### **Medical Images on the Web**

Location: <http://www.unmc.edu/library/reference/medimage.html>

Description: "University of Nebraska Medical Center offers this excellent portal with evaluated, annotated links to online image collections organized into the following categories: General, Anatomy and Histology, Cardiology, Dermatology, Embriology, Endoscopy, Neurology, Pathology, Pediatrics, and ENT." Note: Google Images also provide excellent images.

### **Mayo Clinic: Tools for Healthier Lives**

Location: <http://www.mayoclinic.com>

Description: "Though aimed at the layperson, nurses and students will welcome the plethora of information and tools provided by Mayo Clinic. The medical information is high quality and comprehensive, but the 'Tools' section sets this resource apart. Among the tools are online calculators (including BMI, calorie, heart disease risk), self-assessments (on depression, stress, obesity, etc.), a symptom checker, and quizzes."

### **National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature**

Location: <http://www.georgetown.edu/research/nrcbl/nrc/index.htm>

Description: The Web presence for the NRCBL, which is based at Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics, is a "cornucopia" of bibliographic resources and Web links on bioethics, professional ethics, and related issues in public policy.

### **Nursing Theory**

Location: <http://www.sandiego.edu/academics/nursing/theory>

### **Public Library of Science (PLOS)**

Location: <http://www.plos.org>

Description: "PLOS is an initiative by scientists and doctors to publish quality, peer-reviewed literature and make it freely available to the public and other researchers. It publishes journals in biology, medicine, clinical trials, and genetics"

### **RN Central**

Location: <http://www.rncentral.com>

Description: "Created by nurses for nurses and students, this site offers good resource links, but the highlight is its "Careplan Corner," with predefined nursing care plans under three categories: 'Altered/Alterations,' 'Impaired/Impairment,' and 'General.' Users can copy, save, or print and modify any of the plans, and there is also a blank plan template to print out and fill in."

### **Texas Cancer Data Center (TCDC)**

Location: <http://www.txcancer.org>

Description: **TCDC** provides information on health professionals, health facilities, demographics and statistics, and community resources. The site is funded by the Texas Cancer Council and M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. It includes links to other cancer resources through the Cancer Gateway of Texas.

### **World Health Organization (WHO)**

Location: <http://www.who.int/en/>

Description: "An excellent source of global health information, including statistics and country-by-country health overviews. This site is well indexed and easy to navigate."

## **NURSING ASSOCIATIONS:**

### **American Nurses Association (ANA)**

Location: <http://www.ana.org>

Description: "The ANA represents American registered nurses (RNs). The site provides information on current issues in nursing (workplace rights, patient safety, and ethics) and a sophisticated career center with a searchable jobs database, space for posting resumes, and advice for job seekers. Some content is limited to members only, but there is plenty of quality free information.

### **National League for Nursing (NLN)**

Location: <http://www.nln.org>

Description: "NLN is a membership organization whose mission is to advance 'excellence in nursing education' and prepare the workforce to 'meet the needs of a diverse population in an ever-changing healthcare environment,' where jobseekers can post a resume or search listings. It provides recent political and health news that affects nurses. It also provides grants and funding for research in nursing education."

## **Print Resources**

### **DICTIONARIES:**

**Blackwell's Nursing Dictionary** (Ref RT 21 .B53)

**Mosby's Medical, Nursing & Allied Health Dictionary** (Ref R 121 .M89); also available online through **Health & Wellness Resource Center** database.

Description: This dictionary contains a wealth of useful information such as definitions, basic anatomy, units of measurement, conversions, abbreviations, assessment guides, nutrition information, diagnoses, contact information for health organizations, common phrases in Spanish and French and many color illustrations and photos.

**Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary** (Ref R 121 .T18); available online through **Credo Reference** database.

Description: This resource serves the purpose of dictionary, encyclopedia and handbook, providing definitions, symptoms, etiology, treatment, prognosis, basic anatomy, universal precautions, emergency information, conceptual models, theories of nursing, units of measurement, common phrases in Spanish and French and nursing implications. Also contained are many full-color illustrations.

**Stedman's Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing** (Ref R 121 .S8)

Description: In addition to standard definitions, this dictionary includes a word finder, common symbols, laboratory reference values and color illustrations.

**Dictionary of Nursing Theory & Research** (Ref RT 81.5 .P69)

Description: This dictionary provides a handy compilation of definitions and discussions of terms that are commonly encountered in the Nursing science literature.

**Spanish-English, English-Spanish Medical Dictionary** (Ref R 121 .M488)

Description: Published by Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkes.

**Dictionary of Public Health Promotion and Education: Terms and Concepts** (Ref RA 440.5 .M634)

**Dictionary of the History of Medicine** (Ref R 121 .S398)

**Dictionary of American Medical Biography** (Ref R 153 .D53)

### **ENCYCLOPEDIAS:**

**Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine** (Ref RC 41 .G35 1999); also available online through **Health & Wellness Resource Center** database.

**Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine** Available online through **Health & Wellness Resource Center** database.

**Encyclopedia of Cancer**, 4 vols. (Ref RC 262 .E558)

**Encyclopedia of Alzheimer's Disease: with Directories of Research, Treatment, and Care Facilities** (Ref RC 523 .M665)

**Encyclopedia of Children's Health and Wellness**, vols 1 & 2 (Ref RJ 45 .T9465)

**Encyclopedia of Nursing Research** (Ref RT 81.5 .E53)

**Encyclopedia of HIV and AIDS** (Ref RC 606.6 .W385)

**Encyclopedia of Mental Health** (Ref R 790.5 .E53)

#### **HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES:**

**Merck Manual of Diagnosis & Therapy** (Ref RM 127 .M4) Available online at <http://www.merck.com>

**Gray's Anatomy, the Anatomical Basis of Clinical Practice** (Ref QM 23.2 .G73 2005)

Description: This resource contains extensive, detailed illustrations of human anatomy.

**Lippincott Manual of Nursing Practice** (Ref RT 51 .B78)

**Davis's Comprehensive Handbook of Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests with Nursing Implications** (Ref RB 38.2 .D379)

**Handbook of Clinical Nursing Research** (RT 81.5 .H25)

**Handbook of Research on Informatics in Healthcare and Biomedicine** (Ref R 853 .D37 H36)

**Hippa Program Reference Handbook** (Ref KF 3827 .R4H5652)

**Holistic Nursing, a Handbook for Practice** (Ref RT 42 .H65)

**Mosby's Handbook of Diseases** (Ref RT 65 .L37)

**Physician's Desk Reference** (Ref RS 75 .P5); **PDR Family Guide to Prescription Drugs** and **Family Guide to Over-the-Counter Drugs** are available online through the **Health & Wellness Resource Center** database.

Description: The PDR is a standard drug reference handbook. Drug information can be accessed by generic name, manufacturer and by browsing the color photo index.

**Physician's Desk Reference for Herbal Medicines** (Ref RM 666 .H33P37); also available online through the **Health & Wellness Resource Center** database.

**Merck Index** (Ref RS 51 .M4 2001)

Description: The Merck Index contains standard chemical information for use by researchers and health practitioners.

**Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-IV TR** [Text Revision] (Reference Desk RC 455.2 .C4 D536 2000)

Description: DSM-IV TR is the standard resource for researching psychological disorders.

**Community Health and Wellness Needs Assessment: a Step-by-Step Guide** (Ref RA 427 .C616)

**Nursing I.V. Drug Handbook** (Ref RM 170 .N938)

**Nursing Management of Diabetes Mellitus: a Guide to the Pattern Approach** (Ref RC 660 .N83)

**Handbook of Death and Dying**, 2 vols. (Ref HQ 1073 .H36)

**Campbell's Physiology Notes for Nurses** (Ref QP 34.5 .C36)

**Women's Health Concerns Sourcebook** (Ref RA 778 .W7543)

**Yale Guide to Careers in Medicine and the Health Professions: Pathways to Medicine in the Twenty-first Century** (Ref R 690 .Y35)

#### **INDEXES:**

**Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature: CINAHL** (Ref Z 6675 .N7); also available online.

Coverage: 1937-2007

**International Nursing Index** (Ref Z 6675 .N7I5); the online database **Medline** includes this index.

Coverage: 1966-1982

**Index Medicus** (Ref Z 6660 .I422); the print version of **Medline**  
Coverage: 1997-2004

**Hospital Literature Index** (Ref Z 6675 .H75 A5)  
Coverage: 1950-1999

**Nursing Abstracts** (Ref RT 1 .N65)  
Coverage: 1975-1996

#### **OTHER PRINT:**

**Statistical Record of Health & Medicine** (Ref RA 407.3 .S732)

**Stedman's Abbrev.: Abbreviations, Acronyms & Symbols** (Ref R 123 .S69)

### **Government Information**

#### **ELECTRONIC RESOURCES:**

##### **NLM Gateway**

Location: <http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov/>

Full Text: Some

Description: The National Library of Medicine provides access to its specialized databases through an Internet gateway. The gateway is "one-stop shopping" for an increasing number of information resources of the NLM. The gateway now accesses: **MEDLINE/PubMed**, **OLDMEDLINE** (journal citations, 1950-1965), **MEDLINEplus** (includes consumer health information), **ClinicalTrials.gov** (information for the public on this topic), **TOXLINE**, etc. Additional links are planned.

##### **NN/LM SCR (National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region)**

Location: <http://nnlm.gov/scr>

Description: This site contains local information on a variety of topics, such as statistical information resources, health departments, community based organizations, libraries, state/local associations, special populations, and other resources.

##### **National Center for Health Statistics**

Location: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

Description: This is the primary agency for American health statistics. Also available en Espanol. It is the place to go online for U.S. health and vital statistics.

##### **WISER: Wireless Information System for the Emergency Responder**

Location: <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov>

Description: "A database system to support firemen, Emergency Medical Service personnel, etc. in identifying an unknown substance, using a PDA or laptop."

##### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Location: <http://www.cdc.gov/>

Description: The CDC is recognized as the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people - at home and abroad, providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships. CDC serves as the national focus for developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education activities designed to improve the health of the people of the United States.

##### **National Institutes of Health**

Location: <http://www.nih.gov>

Description: The NIH, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides health information, grants & funding opportunities, news & events, scientific resources and contact information for various research centers and institutes.

##### **National Library of Medicine**

Location: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

Description: The NLM, a division of the NIH, provides access to its many medical research databases, as well as consumer health information, online catalog, training, grants, medical news, and research programs.

**Texas Department of State Health Services**

Location: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us>

Description: The TDH provides easy access to birth/death records, health data, laws & regulations, programs & services, medicaid information and publications from the Texas Department of Health.

**Texas State Data Center presentations (PDF)**

Location: [http://txsdc.utsa.edu/presentations/sdc\\_2007.php](http://txsdc.utsa.edu/presentations/sdc_2007.php)

Description: Includes "Health and Human Services Data Sources".

**National Institute of Nursing Research**

Location: <http://www.nih.gov/ninr/>

Description: Brought to you by the National Institutes of Health, this specialized Nursing web site provides quick links to information pertaining to nurses on legislation, research funding and programs, publications, advances in science, conferences, and organizations.

**U. S. HRSA Bureau of Health Professions – Division of Nursing**

Location: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing>

Description: Source for United States nursing workforce information, as well as nursing education and practice grant programs.

**FEDERAL DOCUMENTS:**

**Healthy People 2000: national health promotion and disease prevention objectives** (Reference Desk HE 20.2:D63/8/report/)

**Healthy People 2010**, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Reference Desk HE 20.2:P39/3/v.1-2); also available online at <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>

**Health, United States, 2002, With Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans** (Reference Desk HE20.7042/6.2002)

**Healthy Children 2010: Enhancing Children's Wellness** (RJ 102 .E54 1997) and **Establishing Preventive Services** (RJ 102 .E826 1997)

**TEXAS STATE DOCUMENTS:**

**Texas Vital Statistics** (Reference Desk H 600.8 V83ST )

**Health Care Atlas of Texas** (C 2600.8 H349AT)

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