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### Medlineplus.gov

If I had to choose only one Consumer Health Resource, [MedlinePlus.gov](http://MedlinePlus.gov) would be the one. Librarians at the National Library of Medicine examine, evaluate, and organize online health resources from the National Institutes of Health and established, reputable agencies and health organizations.

- HEALTH TOPICS can be browsed by category or searched using the “Search MedlinePlus” box.  
In the results, look for the “National Library of Medicine” tag line for consistently organized information
- DRUGS & SUPPLEMENTS link lists prescription drugs by generic or brand name
- MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA offers illustrations of diseases & conditions
- The DICTIONARY can be searched & offers a list of entries to choose from (to find difficult spellings)
- NEWS is a compilation of current health-related news (also linked on individual health topic pages)

### Drug Information Portal from the National Library of Medicine

NLM’s [Drug Information Portal](http://Drug Information Portal) is a gateway to a whole host of excellent drug information resources, some of which are listed in this information sheet. The site provides links to websites on prescription, over-the-counter, supplements and herbal medications; medication safety; Medicare prescription plans; and much more.

### National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)

One of the National Institutes of health, [NCCAM](http://NCCAM) is the authoritative government agency on complementary and alternative healing practices. Experts evaluate the effectiveness of therapies and medicines for the conditions they are used to treat.

### Avoiding Drug Interactions

Provided by the US FDA, [Avoiding Drug Interactions](http://Avoiding Drug Interactions) offers valuable information to help avoid interactions between drugs or between a drug and certain foods.

### **Drugs.com**

[Drugs.com](https://www.drugs.com) has trustworthy information from a number of drug information authorities, it includes a useful “Interactions Checker” for checking drug interactions as well as a “Pill Identifier.”

### **NIH Office of Dietary Supplements**

The National Institutes of Health [Office of Dietary Supplements](https://www.od.nih.gov) offers information about over-the-counter supplements. From the home page look for the Health Information link; then look on the right side for the heading “Specific Supplements” – which has links to Fact Sheets on: Dietary Supplements; Vitamin & Minerals; and Botanical Supplements.

### **Finding Experimental Treatments**

[ClinicalTrials.gov](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov) - The National Institutes of Health maintains this website to disseminate information on current research studies for experimental treatment of diseases. Search by disease and geographical location. From the results list, click on the title to get more information about specifics of the study, eligibility requirements, and contact information.

### **Evaluating Hospitals & Health Care Facilities**

[California Hospital Compare](https://www.hospitalcompare.com) rates hospitals in California. Search by city, choose hospitals that you want to compare from a list, and then compare by overall ratings or by specific major surgical procedures (not all conditions or procedures evaluated).

### **Nursing Home Compare**

[Nursing Home Compare](https://www.nursinghomecompare.com) is a nation-wide database created by Medicare that offers various tools to compare facilities based on inspections, staffing, and a 5-star rating system. Flexible search tools help you find Nursing Facilities by name, state, or city.