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.

Cochrane Library
“Cochrane Reviews represent the highest level of evidence on which to base clinical treatment decisions. In addition to Cochrane Reviews, The Cochrane Library provides other sources of reliable information: other systematic reviews abstracts, technology assessments, economic evaluations, and individual clinical trials – all the current evidence in one single environment.”

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 (and free) 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 Images & Diagrams Collection consisting of hundreds of high-quality medical images from Nucleus Medical. Also includes Videos & Animations content from physicians and major medical institutions provided by Healthology Videos.

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.

Annual Reviews
Coverage: Generally, 1950 to the present
Full Text: Yes
Description: Annual Reviews has offered comprehensive, timely collections of critical reviews written by leading scientists. Annual Reviews volumes are published each year for 29 focused disciplines, including Medicine and Public Health.

CAM on PubMed
Coverage: As early as 1966
Full Text: Yes
Location: http://nccam.nih.gov/research/camonpubmed/
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.

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. Citations to dissertations go back to 1861.

Internet Resources

See Also: Government Information, Electronic Resources.

FINDING  VIDEOS--Freely-available search engines:

Truveo
Location: http://www.truveo.com/
Description: Truveo claims to provide a simultaneous search of YouTube, ClipSyndicate, Rewer, EVTIV1.com, FOX News, Google Video, Dailymotion, New York Post, videojug, blip.tv, Sling, Yahoo!Video, Hulu, The Sun, and Comcast. Librarians have located videos produced by medical schools, doctors, and nurses, using this search engine.

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/).

MedEdPORTAL
Location: http://www.aamc.org/mededportal
Description: Free, online, peer-reviewed publication site for medicine and dentistry. Though it is free, users must “register” in order to use it. The site has many teaching resources such as tutorials, simulation cases, lab guides, videos, podcasts, and assessment tools.
Introduction to Evidence-Based Medicine
Location: http://www.bsl.unc.edu/services/tutorials/ebm/index.htm
Description: Tutorial from Duke University Medical Center Library and the Health Sciences Library, UNC-Chapel Hill

Center for Medical Consumers
Location: http://www.medicalconsumers.org/
Description: “Unique in reporting on recommendations by physicians for which neither safety nor effectiveness has been well established.” Provides access to the latest on new procedures, tests, drugs, and research.

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.

RHIN: Refugee Health Information Network
Location: http://www.rhin.org/

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.

County Health Rankings
Location: http://www.countyhealthrankings.org
Description: Easy-to-navigate interface for data collected from different authoritative, quality sources. Outstanding resource for public health.

ipl2 (Internet Public Library2)
Location: http://www.ipl.org/
Description: ipl2 is a merger of the Internet Public Library and Librarians' Internet Index. It is a widely respected, annotated subject directory to thousands of Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians, including health and medicine sites.

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.

Health Policy Picks
Location: http://www.kaiseredu.org/picks/health_policy_picks.aspx
Description: Includes important resources that often go unnoticed and can be difficult to find.

E-anatomy.org
Location: http://www.imaios.com/en/e-Anatomy
Description: A free, award-winning site. You must register to use the free portions of the site, but registration does not cost. The display quality is excellent. It requires Adobe Flash Player 7 and the latest browser versions.

Medical Images on the Web
Location: http://unmc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=25798&sid=186263
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.

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.

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.”
Johns Hopkins Medicine Podcasts, Audio and Multimedia
Location: http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/audio/podcasts/Podcasts.html
Description: Weekly reviews of studies recently published in medical or scientific journals.

National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature
Location: http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/resources/forhealthcare/index.html
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 Information
Location: http://www.texascancer.info/
Description: 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.

WebMD
Location: http://www.webmd.com/
Description: Provides valuable health information, such as a Symptoms Checker, tools for managing your health, and support for those who seek information.

GLOBAL HEALTH DATA:
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.”

American Association of the History of Nursing, Inc.
Location: http://www.aahn.org
Description: Significant leaders, milestones in nursing, and a repository for photographs are among the resources included here.

Print Resources

DICTIONARIES:
Mosby’s Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing & Health Professions (Ref R 121 .M89)  Also available online in Credo Reference 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); Also 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)  

Illustrated Dictionary of Immunology (Ref QR 180.4 .C78)  

ENCYCLOPEDIAS:

Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine (Ref RC 41 .G35)  Also available online through Gale Virtual Reference Library database.

Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine  Also available online through Gale Virtual Reference Library 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 Health Services Research  (2 vols.)  (Ref RA 440.85 .E63)

Encyclopedia of Epidemiology (Ref RA 652 .E533 v. 1-2)

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

Encyclopedia of Mental Health  (Ref R 790.5 .E53)  

HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES:


Physician’s Desk Reference (Ref RS 75 .P5)  
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.

PDR Nurse’s Drug Handbook (RM 125 .S670)  

Physician’s Desk Reference for Herbal Medicines (Ref RM 666 .H33P37)  


Merck Index: an Encyclopedia of Chemicals, Drugs, and Biologicals (Ref RS 51 .M4)
Description: The Merck Index contains standard chemical information for use by researchers and health practitioners.

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.

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.

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)


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


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)


INDEXES:

International Nursing Index (Ref Z 6675 .N715); 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**

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](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/](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**

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/](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.

**CDC WONDER (Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research)**
Location: [http://wonder.cdc.gov/](http://wonder.cdc.gov/)

Description: Simplified, single-point access to CDC resources. It is an integrated, menu-driven system. Data sets include “Healthy People 2010.”

**National Institutes of Health**
Location: [http://www.nih.gov](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**

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.

**DRUGS:**

**Drug Information Portal**

Description: From the National Library of Medicine, this site provides reliable and current information from reputable sources (mainly key government agencies). Simple, Google-like search interface.

**Healthy People 2020**
Location: [http://www.health.gov/healthypeople](http://www.health.gov/healthypeople)

**Texas Department of State Health Services**
Location: [http://www.dshs.state.tx.us](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)
Description:  The Texas State Data Center and Office of the State Demographer, in cooperation with a network of affiliates, functions as a focal point for the distribution of Census information for Texas. The Center also disseminates population estimates and projections for Texas, as well as other information from the federal government, state government, and other sources. Includes “Leading Health Indicators for the State of Texas” and other presentations.

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

FEDERAL DOCUMENTS:


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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