

# Medical Websites – information good for what ails you

A listing of reliable web sites compiled by the Library Staff



## Doctor Locator/Credential Sites

### American Board of Medical Specialties ~ [www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org)

Online version of the ABMS books; this site allows you to conduct searches by a physician's name or area of certification and a state name. User registration is required.

### American Hospital Directory ~ [www.ahd.com](http://www.ahd.com)

Provides online data for over 6,000 hospitals, built from both public and private sources including Medicare claims data (MedPAR and OPPS), hospital cost reports, and other files obtained from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

### AMA Doctor Finder ~ [webapps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/home.html](http://webapps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/home.html)

Provides basic professional information on virtually every licensed physician in the United States. Maintained by the American Medical Association.

### New York State Physician Profile ~ [www.nydoctorprofile.com](http://www.nydoctorprofile.com)

Maintained by the New York State Department of Health. Provides profiles of all licensed doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy who are registered to practice medicine in New York State.

## Clinical Trial Sites

### CenterWatch ~ [www.centerwatch.com/patient/index.html](http://www.centerwatch.com/patient/index.html)

Provides an extensive list of Institutional Review Board approved clinical trials being conducted internationally. Also lists promising therapies newly approved by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration).

### Clinical Trials.gov ~ [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

Provides regularly updated information about federally and privately supported clinical research in human volunteers, including information about a trial's purpose, who may participate, locations, and phone numbers for more details.

## General Health Sites

### **NOAH (New York Online Access to Health) ~ [www.noah-health.org](http://www.noah-health.org)**

Provides access to high quality consumer health information in English and Spanish. Librarians and health professionals in New York and beyond find, select, and organize full-text consumer health information that is current, relevant, accurate and unbiased.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ~ [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)**

Provides educational information on a wide scope of health and safety topics ranging from birth defects to vaccines and immunizations to workplace safety. Also contains state and federal statistical health information.

### **Mayo Clinic ~ [www.mayoclinic.com](http://www.mayoclinic.com)**

Contains useful and up-to-date information in more than 35 lifestyle and disease categories. The Mayo Clinic is a not-for-profit medical practice dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of virtually every type of complex illness.

### **Medline Plus ~ [medlineplus.gov](http://medlineplus.gov)**

Brings together authoritative information from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health and other governmental and health-related organizations. Contains information on over 700 conditions, lists of hospitals and physicians, medical encyclopedia and dictionary, interactive tutorials, health information in Spanish, extensive information on prescription and nonprescription drugs, and links to thousands of clinical trials.

### **WebMD ~ [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com)**

Helps consumers take an active role in managing their health by providing objective healthcare and lifestyle information. Includes access to health and wellness news articles and features, and decision-support services that help consumers obtain detailed information on a particular disease or condition, analyze symptoms, locate physicians, store individual healthcare information, receive periodic e-newsletters on topics of individual interest, enroll in interactive courses and participate in online communities with peers.

## Alternative/Complementary Medicine Sites

### **National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine ~ [nccam.nih.gov/](http://nccam.nih.gov/)**

Provides timely and accurate information about complementary and alternative medicine treatments and therapies. Available services include online chats with health professionals, statistical information, and factsheets on a wide variety of health conditions

### **WholeHealthMD ~ [www.wholehealthmd.com](http://www.wholehealthmd.com)**

Provides consumers with professional, up-to-date guidance on the many options and benefits of integrating Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) with conventional health care treatments. Features a reference library with information on foods, supplements, and alternative therapies.