

## Ten "Most Useful" Web Sites for Health Consumers (as selected by the Medical Library Association – November 2002)

Overwhelmed by the proliferation of health information on the Web? Look no further. The Consumer and Patient Health Information Section (CAPHIS) of the Medical Library Association issued a list of the top ten most useful web sites for health consumers. Sites were evaluated on credibility, sponsorship/authorship, content, audience, currency, disclosure, purpose, links, design, interactivity, and disclaimers. They are listed alphabetically; no ranking is implied.

WEB SITE	URL	SOURCE AND SCOPE
Cancer.gov	<a href="http://www.cancer.gov/">http://www.cancer.gov/</a>	From the National Cancer Institute. Includes patient information on cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Also covers clinical trials, research and funding.
Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC)	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/">http://www.cdc.gov/</a>	From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Comprehensive resource for public health information.
familydoctor.org	<a href="http://www.familydoctor.org/">http://www.familydoctor.org/</a>	From the American Academy of Family Physicians. Patient information in English and Spanish. Includes a directory of Family Physicians.
healthfinder®	<a href="http://www.healthfinder.gov/">http://www.healthfinder.gov/</a>	From the US Department of Health and Human Services. Includes "links to carefully selected information and Web sites from over 1,800 health-related organizations."
HIV InSite	<a href="http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/">http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/</a>	From the University of California San Francisco. "Comprehensive, up-to-date information on HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention and policy."
Kidshealth®	<a href="http://www.kidshealth.org/">http://www.kidshealth.org/</a>	From the Nemours Foundation. Pediatric health information provided through separate interfaces designed for Parents, Kids and Teens.
Mayo Clinic	<a href="http://www.mayohealth.org/">http://www.mayohealth.org/</a>	From the Mayo Clinic. "Useful and up-to-date information and tools that reflect the expertise and standard of excellence of Mayo Clinic."
MEDEM: an information partnership of medical societies	<a href="http://medem.com/MedLB/medlib_entry.cfm">http://medem.com/MedLB/medlib_entry.cfm</a>	From more than 40 "partner" medical societies, including the AMA. Features a of library of health information and "integrated Web-based services for the physician practice."
MEDLINEplus	<a href="http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/">http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/</a>	From the National Library of Medicine. Includes patient information on over 500 diseases and conditions along with drug information, a medical encyclopedia and lists of hospitals and physicians.
NOAH: New York Online Access to Health	<a href="http://www.noah-health.org/">http://www.noah-health.org/</a>	From a collaboration of four New York City library organizations. Provides selected links to "high quality consumer health information in English and Spanish."