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Databases

**Academic Search Complete** Provides full text for more than 7,100 full-text periodicals, including nearly 6,100 peer-reviewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 11,200 journals and a total of more than 11,700 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. This database is updated on a daily basis.

**AccessMedicine** Includes texts for DeGowin’s Diagnostic Examination, Goodman & Gilman’s The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics, Harrison’s Online, Hurst’s The Heart, Williams Obstetrics and many other titles in addition to the Lange Educational Library for on-going study, review, and reference.

**ACP Journal Club** ACP Journal Club’s general purpose is to select from the biomedical literature those articles reporting original studies and systematic reviews that warrant immediate attention by physicians attempting to keep pace with important advances in internal medicine. These articles are summarized in “value added” abstracts and commented on by clinical experts. Available from the library’s ejournal list.

**CINAHL Plus with Full Text** This is the most comprehensive source of full text for nursing & allied health journals, providing full text for more than 760 journals. It provides indexing for more than 4,300 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health. The database contains more than 2,000,000 records dating back to 1981. It also provides full text for more than 260 books/monographs. With full text coverage dating back to 1937, it is the definitive research tool for all areas of nursing and allied health literature.

**Cochrane Library** is a collection of six databases that contain different types of high-quality, independent evidence to inform healthcare decision-making and evidence-based practice.

- Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
- Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials
- Cochrane Methodology Register
- Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects
- Health Technology Assessment Database
- NHS Economic Evaluation Database

There are 82 different interest groups that contribute subject expertise to the Cochrane Collaboration databases.

**Gale Virtual Reference Library** Collection of online encyclopedias and specialized reference sources covering a wide variety of topics and subjects, including current events, arts and humanities, business, education, religion, science, and social sciences.
Gateway (NLM) The National Library of Medicine Gateway allows users to search in multiple retrieval systems. Besides MEDLINE/PubMed, some of the databases included are:

- ClinicalTrials.gov — clinical research studies for patients, family members, and members of the public;
- DIRLINE — directory information containing location and descriptive information about a wide variety of information resources including organizations, research resources, projects, and databases concerned with health and biomedicine;
- Household Products Database — a consumer's guide that provides information on the potential health effects of chemicals contained in more than 7,000 common household products;
- HSDB — a toxicology data file focused on the toxicology of potentially hazardous chemicals;
- HSRProj — project records for health services research, including health technology assessment and the development and use of clinical practice guidelines;
- MedlinePlus — website for consumer health information;
- Meeting Abstracts — meeting abstracts from multiple databases;
- NLM Catalog — providing access to NLM bibliographic data for over 1.2 million journals, books, audiovisuals, computer software, electronic resources, and other materials via the NCBI Entrez retrieval system;
- OMIM — (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man) is a continuously updated catalog of human genes and genetic disorders;
- TOXLINE Subset — collection of bibliographic information covering the biochemical, pharmacological, physiological, and toxicological effects of drugs and other chemicals.

Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI) This database provides ready access to information on measurement instruments (i.e., questionnaires, interview schedules, checklists, index measures, coding schemes/manuals, rating scales, projective techniques, vignettes/scenarios, tests) in the health fields, psychosocial sciences, organizational behavior, and library and information science.

images.MD Compiles over 50,000 high-quality images spanning all of internal medicine, derived from a series of illustrated atlases. Each image is accompanied by detailed and informative text written by over 2,000 contributing experts.

Lexi-Comp Online Text-based monographs encompass more than 50 fields of clinically-significant pharmacology detail, applicable to many areas of specialization.

LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe LEXIS-NEXIS® Academic Universe provides access to a wide range of news, legal, business, medical and reference information. It couples the convenience of the Internet with the power of LEXIS-NEXIS services so you can quickly and easily retrieve documents that meet your specific current research needs.

MDConsult MDConsult core collection helps physicians answer clinical questions and stay abreast of recent developments by integrating: 50 respected medical reference books, over 80 medical journals and clinics, MEDLINE, comprehensive drug information, more than 1,000 clinical practice guidelines, nearly 10,000 customizable patient education handouts, daily personalized clinical updates, and online CME.

MEDLINE — available either from OVID or PubMed PubMed, a service of the National Library of Medicine, includes over 19 million citations for biomedical articles dating back to the 1950s. These citations are from MEDLINE and additional life sciences journals. PubMed includes links to many sites providing full text articles and other related resources.

National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC) NGC is a public resource for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and related documents. The database provides physicians, nurses, and other health care providers an accessible mechanism for obtaining objective, detailed information on clinical practice guidelines and to further their dissemination, implementation, and use.
Natural Standard: A Database of Natural Products This is an international research collaboration that aggregates and synthesizes data on complementary and alternative therapies. Using a comprehensive methodology and reproducible grading scales, information is created that is evidence-based, consensus-based, and peer-reviewed.

Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM) OMIM is a comprehensive, authoritative, and timely compendium of human genes and genetic phenotypes. The full text, referenced overviews in OMIM contain information on all known mendelian disorders and over 12,000 genes.

PsycARTICLES This database is a source of searchable full-text, peer-reviewed scholarly and scientific articles in psychology. The PsycARTICLES database covers general psychology and specialized, basic, applied, clinical and theoretical research. The database contains more than 122,000 articles from 60 journals with coverage spanning 1894 to present.

ScienceDirect Elsevier’s full-text platform, ScienceDirect now contains over a quarter of the world’s (STM) science, technical, and medical articles integrated with a range of authoritative book series. Apart from online reference works, handbooks, and book series, ScienceDirect offers a rich journal collection of over 2,500 titles.

UpToDate This product is specifically designed to answer clinical questions that arise in daily practice and to do so quickly and easily right at the point of care. For more detailed information about UpToDate, a “tutorial”, etc., please click on "Help" at the UpToDate site.

VisualDx This is a clinical decision support tool with nearly 1,000 visually presented conditions and over 18,000 medical images. The system will build a custom differential diagnosis for the clinical staff as they enter specific findings about the patient. (Subscription of the Regional Resource Center for Emergency Preparedness at Stony Brook University.)

Web of Science Web of Science consists of five high-quality databases containing information gathered from thousands of scholarly journals in all areas of research: Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index, Index Chemicus, and Current Chemical Reactions. The three citation databases contain references cited by authors of the journal articles they cover. You can use these cited references as search terms. A cited reference search enables one to use a known published work to find other, later works that cite it.

Physician Assistant Reference Materials

AHA Guide to the Health Care Field
RESV WX 22 AA1 A53 2007
A guide to United States hospitals, health care systems, networks, alliances, health organizations, agencies, and providers.

AMA DoctorFinder
http://dbapps.ama-assn.org/aps/amahq.htm
AMA Physician Select provides basic professional information on virtually every licensed physician in the United States and its possessions, including more than 814,000 doctors of medicine (MD) and doctors of osteopathy or osteopathic medicine (DO).

Hardin Meta Directory of Internet Health Resources
http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/index.html
Hardin MD, provided by the University of Iowa, serves as a “directory of directories”. It intends to contain the best lists of information in health and medicine. Other types of links such as those directly to primary sources or pictures are also available.
Health Care Careers Directory
REF W 22 AA1 H434 36th ed. 2008-2009
Contains indispensable information on 8,000 U.S. educational programs for 77 health professions including genetic counselor, physician assistant, and surgical technologist.

Office of the Professions, New York State Education Department
http://usny.nysed.gov/professionals
Online license verification and summaries of professional discipline cases for 48 professions, including physician assistants.

Quality Check
http://www.jointcommission.org/QualityCheck
Quality Check is a service of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. If you want to “check up” on the performance of your local health care facility, whether it’s a hospital, a surgery center, a nursing home or another type of health care organization, you can now tap into Quality Check.

Current 2010 Physician Assistant Journal Subscriptions

Academic Emergency Medicine
Academic Medicine
Academic Physician and Scientist
Acupuncture in Medicine: Journal of the British Medical Acupuncture Society
African Journal of Primary Health Care & Family Medicine
Air Medical Journal
Alternative Medicine Alert
Alternative Medicine Review
Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine
American Family Physician
American Journal of Chinese Medicine
American Journal of Clinical Medicine
American Journal of Emergency Medicine
American Journal of Homeopathic Medicine
American Journal of Industrial Medicine
American Journal of Law & Medicine
American Journal of Medical Genetics
American Journal of Medicine
American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
American Journal of Preventive Medicine
American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine
American Journal of Sports Medicine
American Journal of the Medical Sciences
American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Annals of Emergency Medicine
Annals of Family Medicine
Annals of Internal Medicine
Annual Review of Medicine
Archives of Disease in Childhood
Archives of General Psychiatry
Archives of Internal Medicine
Archives of Medical Research
Archives of Medical Science
Archives of Neurology
Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine
Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Archives of Surgery
Archives, the International Journal of Medicine
Asian Journal of Medical Sciences
Asia Pacific Family Medicine
Australasian Medical Journal
Australian Family Physician
Baillière's Best Practice & Research. Clinical Gastroenterology
Best Practice & Research. Clinical Anaesthesiology
Best Practice & Research. Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism
Best Practice & Research. Clinical Haematology
Best Practice & Research. Clinical Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Best Practice & Research. Clinical Rheumatology
BMC Emergency Medicine
BMC Medical Education
BMC Medical Genetics
BMC Medical Genomics
BMC Medical Imaging
BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making
BMC Medical Research Methodology
BMJ. British Medical Journal
British Journal of Healthcare Assistants
British Journal of Medical Practitioners
Canadian Family Physician
Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine
Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine
Chinese Medical Journal
Clinical Practice and Epidemiology in Mental Health
CMAJ. Canadian Medical Association Journal
Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice
Current Medical Literature
Diabetes and Primary Care
Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice
Electronic Physician
Emergency Medical Services
European Journal of Clinical & Medical Oncology
European Journal of Medical Genetics
European Review for Medical and Pharmacological Sciences
Families Systems & Health
Family Medicine
Family Practice Management
Family Practice News
German Medical Science
Healthcare Benchmarks and Quality Improvement
Hong Kong Medical Journal
Indian Journal of Medical Research
Indian Journal of Medical Sciences
Infection Control for Physician Practices
Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice
International Journal of Biological and Medical Sciences
International Journal of Clinical Practice
International Journal of Integrated Care
International Journal of Medical Informatics
International Journal of Medical Microbiology
International Journal of Medical Sciences
International Medical Case Reports Journal
International Medical Journal
Internet Journal of Academic Physician Assistants
Internet Journal of Medical Informatics
Internet Journal of Medical Simulation
Internet Journal of Medical Simulation and Technology
Internet Journal of Medical Technology
Internet Journal of Medical Update
Iranian Journal of Medical Sciences
Iraqi Journal of Medical Sciences
Irish Journal of Medical Science
Irish Medical Journal
Israel Journal of Medical Sciences
JAAPA : Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants
JAMA: the Journal of the American Medical Association
JK Science: Journal of Medical Education and Research
Journal of Adult Protection
Journal of Allied Health
Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons
Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings
Journal of Controversial Medical Claims
Journal of Emergency Primary Health Care
Journal of International Medical Research
Journal of Korean Medical Science
Journal of Medical Case Reports
Journal of Medical Entomology
Journal of Medical Ethics
Journal of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine
Journal of Medical Genetics
Journal of Medical Humanities
Journal of Medical Internet Research
Journal of Medical Investigation
Journal of Medical Physics
Journal of Medical Sciences
Journal of Medical Sciences Research
Journal of Medical Speech-Language Pathology
Journal of Medical Systems
Journal of Medical Ultrasonics
Journal of Medical Virology
Journal of Patient Safety
Journal of Physician Assistant Education
Journal of Postgraduate Medical Institute
Journal of Research in Medical Sciences
Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association
Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine
Journal of the Chinese Medical Association
Journal of the Formosan Medical Association
Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Journal of US-China Medical Science
Malaysian Family Physician
Medical Journal of Australia
Modern Physician
Nephron. Clinical Practice
New England Journal of Medicine
New Zealand Medical Journal
North American Journal of Medical Sciences
North Carolina Medical Journal
Obesity Research & Clinical Practice
Open Medical Imaging Journal
Open Medical Informatics Journal
Osteopathic Medicine and Primary Care
Patient Education and Counseling
Patient Education Management
Pain Physician
Physician Assistants' Prescribing Reference
Physician Business Week
Physician Executive
Physician Law Weekly
Physician Relations Update
Physician’s Compliance Hotline
Physician’s Managed Care Report
Postgraduate Medical Journal
Primary Care
Primary Care Diabetes
Primary Care Reports
Primary Care Respiratory Journal
Primary Health Care
Primary Health Care Research & Development
Professional Medical Journal
Research Journal of Medicine and Medical Sciences
Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care
Scottish Medical Journal
Simulation in Healthcare: Journal of the Society for Medical Simulation
Southern Medical Journal
U.S. Army Medical Department Journal
Ulster Medical Journal
West Indian Medical Journal
Wisconsin Medical Journal

NOTE: This is not a complete list of physician assistant and related journal titles available from the Health Sciences Library. Please check the library catalog for older print and electronic titles, the ejournal list on the library’s website, CINAHL Plus with Full Text, ScienceDirect, and Melville Library catalog and/or website to verify specific electronic and print volumes and issues.

**Professional Issues Websites**

I. Physician Assistant Professional Organizations

American Academy of Physician Assistants  
http://www.aapa.org

Association of Family Practice Physician Assistants  
http://www.afppa.org

Association of Neurosurgical Physician Assistants  
http://www.anspa.org

Association of Physician Assistants in Cardiovascular Surgery  
http://www.apacvs.org

National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants  
http://www.nccpa.net

NCCPA Foundation  
http://www.paexcellence.org
New York State Society of Physician Assistants  
http://www.nysspa.org

Physician Assistant Education Association  
http://www.paeaonline.org

Physician Assistant Foundation  
http://www.aapa.org/pa-foundation

Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants  
http://home.pacifier.com/~jomonroe/index.html

Society of Emergency Medicine Physician Assistants  
http://www.sempa.org

II. Important Information

New York State Reference Information: Registered Physician Assistant  
http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/doctors/conduct/physician_assistant.htm

http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos081.htm

Physician Assistant Student Forum  

Stony Brook University Physician Assistant Program  
http://www.hsc.stonybrook.edu/shtm/pa/index.cfm

Statistics

AHA Guide to the Health Care Field  
RESV WX 22 AA1 A53 2007
There are three major sections for this work: hospitals; health care systems, networks, and alliances; and health care organizations, agencies, and other health care providers.

Health, United States, 2003 with Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans  
REF WA 900 AA1 N15 2003
Presents statistics concerning recent trends in the health care sector and the geographic variations. Compares and contrasts states for overall health data. Later editions of this publication are available at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm

Healthy People 2010  
REF WA 540 AA1 H4342 2000 and 2002
Healthy People 2010 reflects the scientific advances that have taken place in the last 20 years in preventive medicine, diseases surveillance, vaccine and therapeutic development, and information technology. Later editions of this publication are available at: http://www.healthypeople.gov

Healthy People 2020  
http://www.healthypeople.gov/hp2020/
National Health Statistics Reports
Available on HS Library ejournal list
These reports provide early release of data from the National Center for Health Statistics’ health and demographic surveys. Many of these releases are followed by detailed reports in the Vital and Health Statistics series.

New York State Statistical Yearbook
REF HA 544 A2 28th 2003
Guide to the social, economic, culture and physical health of New York State. Later editions of this publication are available at: http://www.rockinst.org/nys_statistics

Statistical Universe
Available on HS Library database list
Search by subject and then limit by demographic, economic, frequency of data or geographic parameters.

Statistics in Medicine
Available on HS Library ejournal list
The journal publishes papers on practical applications of statistics and other quantitative methods to medicine and its applied sciences. Specific areas include clinical trials, diagnostic studies, quality control, laboratory experiments, epidemiology, and health care research.

Selected Textbooks

WE 103 A514ga 2010

Bates’ Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking
WB 205 B329g 2009

Clinically Oriented Anatomy
QS 4 M822c 2010

Color Atlas of Family Medicine
WB 17 C719 2009

Cultural Diversity in Health and Illness
WA 30 S741c 2009

Ethical Issues in Modern Medicine: Contemporary Readings in Bioethics
W 50 E826 2009

Ethics and Professionalism: A Guide for the Physician Assistant
W 21.5 E84 2008

Evidence-Based Cardiology
WG 166 E93 2010

Evidence-Based Diagnosis
WB 18.2 N555e 2009

Ferri’s Best Test
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<td>Professional Guide to Diseases</td>
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Contains valuable information for those interested in the publication process style and terminology for any health writing.

A guide for producing concise and bias-free writing, including displaying research results, reference examples, and crediting sources.
How to Write a Paper
WZ 345 H68 2008
This bestselling guide provides clear instructions on getting published in biomedical journals. It includes all aspects of writing each section of a structured paper incorporating the latest information on open access, electronic publication, and submission.

How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper
WZ 345 D274h 2006
Covers the entire publications process from preparing the manuscript, citing references, submitting the paper, peer review, and the publishing process.

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association
RESV WZ 345 P976 2010
The sixth edition of this book assists with content, preparation, and organizational structure of papers and manuscripts. Check with your instructor to find if there is a preference for a particular style format before submitting your papers.

Understanding Clinical Papers
WZ 345 B786u 2006 2nd ed.
The focus is on examples of good practice for benchmarks to understand the clinical research literature and also to demonstrate proper structure for aspiring authors.

Writing a Biomedical Research Paper: A Guide to Structure and Style
WZ 345 B927w 2009
Intended as a practical guide to writing good, publishable biomedical manuscripts, it will also teach how to recognize and even evaluate quality in writing to become more informed consumers of the literature.

Writing Patient/Client Notes: Ensuring Accuracy in Documentation
WB 18.2 K43wa 2009
An introduction to note writing in a medical record helpful for documenting tests and measures with short and long term goals for patient management.

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