

Health Topic Page

Topic pages have links to the **latest news** stories, **interactive tutorials**, **clinical trials**, and (in some cases) to **local health services** on your topic. Use the content links on the left side of the screen to jump to the type of information you want to know about your topic.

The screenshot shows the MEDLINEplus website header with the logo and navigation links. Below the header is a search bar and a list of health topics. The main content area is titled "Heart Diseases (General)" and contains several sections: "Latest News" with a list of recent articles, "Interactive Tutorial" with a link to a cardiac rehabilitation slideshow, "Go Local" with a link to health services in North Carolina, and "Alternative Therapy" with a link to a trial for coronary artery disease. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with links to various categories like "From the NIH", "Clinical Trials", "Diagnosis/Symptoms", "Nutrition", "Prevention/Screening", "Rehabilitation", "Research", "Specific Conditions/Aspects", "Treatment", "Dictionaries/Glossaries", "Journals/Newsletters", "Organizations", "Statistics", "Children", "Men", "Seniors", and "Women".

Clicking on a link will open a new browser window to view a trusted web page. Close the window to return to MEDLINEplus.

Easy-to-Read Information

Easy-to-read documents can be found on the Health Topic pages. You can identify such materials by looking for **Easy-to-Read**.

The Interactive Health Tutorials are considered easy-to-read. Look for **Interactive Tutorial**.

Research Articles

You can access information written for health professionals by clicking on the links in the **Search MEDLINE** box found on the left side of each health topic page. Not available in Spanish.

Search MEDLINE for recent research articles on Heart Diseases (General):

- [General](#)
- [Endocarditis](#)

Get Help and Training

Find a consumer health library in your area by selecting the **Other Resources** link on the homepage of MEDLINEplus. Or contact the Consumer Health Librarian at the NN/LM* Regional Medical Library in your area. Call toll-free at (800) 338-7657 or visit us online at <http://nnlm.gov>.



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MEDLINEplus BASICS

MEDLINEplus® is a website created for consumers by the U.S. National Library of Medicine. Start here to find free quality health information from reliable sources, in English and in Spanish.

MEDLINEplus Features

Find **health topics**, look up **drug information**, learn through **interactive tutorials**. Use **directories** to find doctors, dentists, and hospitals. Find out about studies for new drugs and treatments. Read the latest **health news** stories. Use the **medical encyclopedia** to find articles, pictures, and photographs. MEDLINEplus is designed to help you answer questions and make decisions about your health. This brochure will help you get started.

Quality You Can Trust

MEDLINEplus resources are carefully selected. You can be confident that you are getting good, reliable information.

Good information is the best medicine.

Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.

This is the MEDLINEplus homepage, found at <http://medlineplus.gov>

① Getting started

Begin your search by selecting “Health Topics” from the **MEDLINEplus homepage**. Then find your topic by clicking on an alphabet letter or on the other links on the Health Topics page. Health Topics are in both English and Spanish.

② Drug Information

Find practical information about a drug. Learn why and how a drug should be used. Know when to contact a doctor and/or pharmacist and what to tell them. Not available in Spanish.

③ The Search Box

Use the search box when you cannot find a **topic page** on your disease or condition. Use the box also if you want to see all the MEDLINEplus information on your topic. Put a word or phrase in the box. Then click on the **Search** button or press the Enter key on your computer keyboard.

The screenshot shows the MEDLINEplus homepage with the following elements and callouts:

- 1**: Health Topics link in the left sidebar.
- 2**: Drug Information link in the left sidebar.
- 3**: Search box at the top.
- 4**: About link in the top menu bar.
- 5**: Health Topics link in the bottom navigation bar.
- 6**: Dictionary link in the bottom navigation bar.
- 7**: español link in the top right.
- 8**: Interactive Health Tutorials link in the right sidebar.

④ More about MEDLINEplus

Find out about the site by clicking on the **About** link in the top menu bar. Questions? Click on the **FAQs** link to find answers to frequently asked questions. Use the **Contact Us** link for your other questions or comments.

This close-up shows the search box and navigation bar. Callout 3 points to the search box, 4 to the About link, 5 to the Health Topics link, and 6 to the Dictionary link.

⑤ You will find a link back to the Health Topics page just below the header of every MEDLINEplus page. Use these tabs to link to all the resources found on the site.

⑥ If you do not spell a word right, a spell-checker will help you find the right word to put in the box. The **Dictionary** link can also help you find medical words. Not available in Spanish.

⑦ MEDLINEplus in Spanish

A single click of the **español** link at the top of every page will take you to **Health Topics**, the **Medical Encyclopedia**, and **Interactive Tutorials** in Spanish. You will find Spanish language versions of many English language resources.

⑧ Interactive Health Tutorials

The **Interactive Health Tutorials** box links to a list of all tutorials available. Each tutorial explains a procedure or condition, and takes about 10 minutes to review. You can also print the text of each tutorial. Tutorials are in both English and Spanish.

Consult Your Health Professional

MEDLINEplus does not provide specific medical advice, but provides you with information to better understand your health, disease, or medical condition. Consult with your health professional for medical advice.