
Consumer Health Resources in Allegheny County

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The Need

- There is an overwhelming number of websites offering consumer health information on the web
 - Difficult for an individual to obtain pertinent and credible information via common search engines
- No current link with public libraries to access local health related information

Purpose

- Aggregate organized listing of consumer health information into one central location with links to
 - Non-profit, low cost, or 'free' organizations in Allegheny County
 - Useful and relevant national and commercial websites

Goal

- Create a blog that
 - Can be used by anyone with basic computer skills
 - Serve as a quick handbook of credible, non commercial interest sources for librarians
 - Easily accessible at

<http://alleghenycountyconsumerhealth.blogspot.com/>

Target Audience

- Library patrons
- Librarians
- Anyone in Allegheny County with a consumer health need

The Blog

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Welcome to the Allegheny County Consumer Health Resources Blog

Our blog is a result of a project from librarians who participated in the ACLA and Jewish Healthcare Foundation Consumer Health Information Fellowship.

On this blog you will find a portal to local health resources for consumers in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Please choose a category from the list on the right to begin.

Or [click here](#) to download a pdf format version of the local contents.

General Local Health Resources

[Allegheny County Health Department](#)

3333 Forbes Ave.
Pittsburgh, 15213
Phone: 412-687-ACHD



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Categories

- Facilitate finding information
- On the right side of every page
- Categories available in
 - Children's and Adolescent Health
 - Diseases and Disorders
 - Mental Health
- Also include sub-categories (next slide)



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Sub-categories

- Include Allegheny County and National Resources
 - Service provided
 - Brief description
 - Contact information

Senior Health

Allegheny County Resources

[Center for Healthy Aging](#)

Promotes senior health and disease prevention through education, research, and public service. Includes a list of community outreach partners.

130 North Bellefield Ave
3rd Floor, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Phone: 866-350-6509

National Resources

[The American Geriatrics Society](#)

The Society provides leadership to healthcare professionals, policy makers and the public by implementing and advocating for programs in patient care, research, professional and public education, and public policy.

[NIH Senior Health](#)

The website features health and wellness information for older adults from the National Institutes of Health.

Further Development

- Continuous update of information
- Incorporate suggestions from the users
- Revision of layout design

Learning from the Fellowship

- Ability to better evaluate and critique websites with consumer health information
- Introduction to people in health organizations
- Knowledge of health resources
- Importance of the role of the librarian in providing health-related information to consumers