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The Project

- We prepared a script and a PowerPoint presentation for librarians to use to educate the public about MedlinePlus[®]
 - With the intention to showcase the range, quality and ease-of-use of MedlinePlus[®]
- Our hope is that this will be a useful tool for the librarians to use


Why MedlinePlus®?

- Reliable source of information
 - Maintained by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health
- Contains no advertisements or endorsements
- Easy to navigate
- Explores over 800 topics on conditions, diseases and wellness
- Information is provided in over 40 languages
- It connects the user to more technical information, such as PubMed

Example - Diabetes

- Start the search by clicking the *health topics* tab

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Health Topics
Start here with 800 topics on conditions, diseases and wellness

Drugs & Supplements
About your prescription and over-the-counter medicines, herbs and supplements

Medical Encyclopedia
Includes pictures and diagrams

Dictionary
Spellings and definitions of medical words

News
Current health news and press announcements

Directories
Find doctors, dentists and hospitals

Go Local
A service for finding local resources for health-related issues


Other Resources
Local health services, libraries, organizations, international sites and more

Multiple Languages
Health information in over 40 languages

Current Health News

- ▶ [Diet, Exercise Thwart Diabetes](#)
- ▶ [Testicular Cancer Survivors Face Other Ills](#)
- ▶ [Let Kids Sleep Late on Weekends to Fight Fat](#)
- ▶ [More news](#)


Featured Site


 For parents: [Halloween safety tips](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention


In the Spotlight 🇺🇸


New on [Go Local](#): Find health services in your hometown in:

- ▶ [Louisiana](#)


Interactive Tutorials
Over 165 slideshows with sound and pictures 


ClinicalTrials.gov
Studies for new drugs and treatments 

NIH SeniorHealth
Health information for older adults 

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Videos of surgical procedures 

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- Click on 'D' under 'Find your topic by first letter'

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Health Topics

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Body Location/Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">Blood, Heart and CirculationBones, Joints and MusclesBrain and NervesDigestive SystemEar, Nose and ThroatEndocrine SystemEyes and VisionImmune SystemKidneys and Urinary SystemLungs and Breathing	Disorders and Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none">CancersGenetics/Birth DefectsInfectionsInjuries and WoundsMental Health and BehaviorMetabolic ProblemsPoisoning, Toxicology, Environmental HealthPregnancy and ReproductionSubstance Abuse Problems	Demographic Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children and TeenagersMenPopulation GroupsSeniorsWomen
	Diagnosis and Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none">Complementary and Alternative TherapiesDiagnostic Tests	Health and Wellness <ul style="list-style-type: none">DisastersFitness and ExerciseFood and NutritionHealth SystemPersonal Health IssuesSafety Issues

Example - Diabetes

- Scroll down to find and click on 'Diabetes' to open the page containing information about diabetes

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Diabetes


Diabetes is a disease in which your blood glucose, or sugar, levels are too high. Glucose comes from the foods you eat. Insulin is a hormone that helps the glucose get into your cells to give them energy. With [Type 1 diabetes](#), your body does not make insulin. With Type 2 diabetes, the more common type, your body does not make or use insulin well. Without enough insulin, the glucose stays in your blood.

Over time, having too much glucose in your blood can cause [serious problems](#). It can damage your [eyes](#), [kidneys](#), and [nerves](#). Diabetes can also cause heart disease, stroke and even the need to remove a limb. Pregnant women can also get diabetes, called [gestational diabetes](#).

Symptoms of Type 2 diabetes may include fatigue, thirst, weight loss, blurred vision and frequent urination. Some people have no symptoms. A blood test can show if you have diabetes. Exercise, weight control and sticking to your meal plan can help control your diabetes. You should also monitor your glucose level and take [medicine](#) if prescribed.

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

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Start Here

- [Diabetes - Introduction](#) [Interactive Tutorial](#) (Patient Education Institute)
Also available in [Spanish](#)
- [Diabetes Overview](#) [NIH](#) (National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases)
- [Your Guide to Diabetes: Type 1 and Type 2](#) [Easy-to-Read NIH](#) (National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases)
Also available in [Spanish](#)

Related Topics

- [Diabetes and Pregnancy](#)
- [Diabetes Complications](#)
- [Diabetes Medicines](#)
- [Diabetes Type 1](#)
- [Diabetic Diet](#)

Example - Diabetes

- The page contains information on
 - Latest news
 - Diagnosis/symptoms
 - Treatment
 - Prevention
 - Nutrition
 - Coping
 - Videos
 - Research
 - Statistics
 - Financial issues

Example - Diabetes

- Each condition page has a ‘Related Topics’ section from where you can access related conditions without going back to the page that lists all the conditions

Related Topics

- [Diabetes and Pregnancy](#)
- [Diabetes Complications](#)
- [Diabetes Medicines](#)
- [Diabetes Type 1](#)
- [Diabetic Diet](#)
- [Diabetic Eye Problems](#)
- [Diabetic Foot](#)
- [Diabetic Kidney Problems](#)
- [Diabetic Nerve Problems](#)
- [Hypoglycemia](#)
- [Islet Cell Transplantation](#)
- [Pancreas Transplantation](#)
- [Diabetes Mellitus](#)
- [Digestive System](#)
- [Endocrine System](#)
- [Metabolic Problems](#)
- [Seniors](#)

Example - Diabetes

■ Go Local

MedlinePlus
go Local | A service of the National Library of Medicine
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Your source for health services in your community.

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Welcome to Go Local, a service for finding local resources for health-related issues. Select an area from the map below to search for health services and topics.

Find Diabetes Services

The map shows the following state color coding: Blue states include WA, OR, NV, UT, AZ, NM, MT, ND, SD, NE, IA, MO, IL, IN, OH, WV, VA, NC, SC, TN, AR, MS, AL, GA, FL, TX, LA, OK, KS, MN, WI, MI, NY, VT, ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NJ, DE, MD, and DC. Yellow states include CA, ID, WY, CO, KS, MO, KY, PA, WV, VA, NC, SC, TN, AR, MS, AL, GA, FL, TX, LA, OK, KS, MN, WI, MI, NY, VT, ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NJ, DE, MD, and DC. A label 'Four Corners' points to the intersection of AZ, NM, UT, and CO.

Additional information on MedlinePlus®

- Drugs & supplements
- Encyclopedia
- Dictionary
- News
- Directories
- Other resources
 - Libraries
 - Organizations
 - Government health sites from other nations
 - Databases
 - MEDLINE/PubMed

Thoughts about MedlinePlus®

- All librarians can feel confident in using this resource to provide the most reliable online health information
- Lack of access to local resources for some states (including PA) is a major shortcoming of this website

What the Fellowship has taught us

- Patients must participate with their healthcare professionals in making healthcare decisions
- Important to teach our patrons about how to properly utilize this website