

Websites of Interest (as of 08/30/11)

A. General Resources (Associations/Organizations):

- <http://www.aafp.org/fpm> - Online *Family Practice Management* magazine issues.
- www.aakp.org – American Association of Kidney Patients. Patient education resources and information.
- <http://www.aed.org> - Agency for Educational Development website addresses human development needs through projects in the U.S. and also publishes the *Journal of Health Communication*.
- <http://www.aoa.gov> - Administration on Aging—Resource Directory for Older People.
- <http://aharc.library.net/> - American Hospital Association—quality initiatives, research and education.
- <http://www.ahrq.gov> - AHRQ: Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, formerly the Agency for Health Care Policy & Research, established in 1989, offers clinical practice guidelines, evidence reports and technical reviews. AHRQ, part of the U.S. DHHS, is the lead agency charged with supporting research designed to improve the quality of health care.
- <http://www.ahqa.org> - American Health Quality Association represents 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories. QIOs work collaboratively with health care practitioners, health plans & hospitals to analyze health care patterns, identify opportunities for improvement & interpret & share information about current science and best practices with physicians, hospitals and health plans.
- <http://www.ama-assn.org> - AMA: American Medical Association featuring *Journal of American Medical Association* health articles; *Physician Select*—locate a doctor by name, specialty and location; professional standards & advocacy information on behalf of the medical profession.
- <http://www.asq.org> - The American Society of Quality (ASQ) is a society of individual and organizational members dedicated to the development and promotion of quality concepts, principles and techniques.
- <http://www.cdc.gov> - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Located in Atlanta, GA, is an agency of the DHHS. CDC performs administrative functions for the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR) and publishes the *Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*. It also offers health care fact sheets, statistics & prevention guidelines.
- <http://www.cdc.gov/brfss> - Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey produced by CDC.
- <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr> - *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* from CDC.
- <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html> - U.S. Census Bureau website contains state and county demographics and economic profiles.
- <http://www.census.gov> - U.S. Census Bureau website contains population statistics for a variety of information related to social and economic characteristics. Population projections by age, group, sex and race are reported.
- <http://www.50states.com> - This website contains state and county profiles.
- <http://www.facct.org> - Foundation for Accountability (FACCT) contains information on quality-based decisions, consumer information, health risks, smoking cessation programs, consumer education, measuring quality and data collection.
- <http://www.guideline.gov> - National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC) is a repository of information to assist with clinical decision-making & patient counseling. Site offers to over 600 evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and related summaries.
- <http://www.healthypeople.gov/> - *Healthy People 2020 Report*, U.S. DHHS, Office of Disease Prevention & Health Promotion.
- <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/rsds.asp> - CMS Information Clearinghouse for statistics and data.
- <http://www.ihl.org> - The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) offers resources and services to help health care organizations make dramatic and long-lasting improvements that enhance clinical outcomes and reduce costs.
- <http://www.jointcommission.org> - The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) evaluates and accredits more than 19500 health care organizations in the U.S. It is the world's leading health care standards setting and accrediting body.
- www.lifeoptions.org – Life Options program focuses on educational resources for patients.
- <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus> - Medline Plus search engine for specific health articles.
- <http://www.mayoclinic.com> - The Mayo Foundation for Medical Education & Research website offers general health information and gender-specific health issues.
- <http://www.medscape.com> - Medscape lists clinically relevant sites and articles.

- <http://www.nahq.org> - National Association of Healthcare Quality site.
- <http://www.health.gov/nhic> - The Office of Disease Prevention & Health Promotion established the National Health Information Center in 1979. This website is a national health information resource database.
- <http://www.nih.gov> - National Institutes of Health (NIH) website contains information on health, current news, grant funding and scientific resources.
- <http://www.ninr.nih.gov> - National Institute of Nursing Research website contains research news & information for care of individuals across the life span, from illness management to health promotion.
- <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?DB=pubmed> - National Library of Medicine—databases and publications with a search engine.
- <http://content.nejm.org> - *New England Journal of Medicine* online.
- <http://newsinhealth.nih.gov> - Free National Institutes of Health (NIH) consumer health information service.
- <http://www.nlm.nih.gov> - United States National Library of Medicine website is the world's largest medical library resource.
- <http://www.nursingcenter.com> - Nursing Articles and Journals.
- <http://www.rxlist.com> - Pharmaceutical website containing an Internet drug medical dictionary index and patient education.
- <http://www.rand.org> - RAND Organization website contains research results, bibliographies & abstract in health and technology.

B. Cardiovascular / Pulmonary Websites:

- <http://www.acc.org> - American College of Cardiology (ACC) offers resources for education, research & guidelines for cardiovascular care and disease prevention.
- <http://www.amhrt.org> - American Heart Association—reference guide for heart and stroke, statistics and information on risk assessment, nutrition, exercise and treatment, 1999 ACC/AHA Guidelines for Management of AMI is on SDPS Intranet link site.
- <http://www.heartinfo.org> - Heart Information Network website offers latest heart news information, risks, resources and a detailed “Heart Attack Guide.”
- <http://www.lungusa.org> - American Lung Association (smoking cessation resources)
- <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/heart-disease-risk/HB00047> - Mayo Clinic Heart Center offers interactive heart guide.
- <http://www.mendedhearts.org> - The Mended Hearts, Inc. website offers help and support group for heart disease patients.
- <http://www.nemahealth.org> - National Emergency Medicine Association website offers current information about the elderly and heart disease with links to National Heart & Stroke Councils and Seniors Life Council.
- <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov> - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Information Center website contains information on *Healthy People 2020*, healthy weight, sleep disorders, asthma management model and interactive cholesterol site.
- <http://www.odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov> - Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) website offers information related to disease prevention, health promotion and a special report on *Healthy People 2020*.
- <http://www.acc.org/qualityandscience/clinical/guidelines/news/hf.htm> - ACC/AHA Heart Failure Guidelines.
- <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov> - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Information Center.

C. Diabetes and Associated Conditions Websites:

- <http://www.aace.com> - American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) website contains links and revised diabetes guidelines.
- <http://www.aadenet.org> - American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE).
- <http://www.aofas.org> - American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society.
- <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes> - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—Diabetes
- <http://www.diabetesmonitor.com> - *Diabetes Monitor* magazine.
- <http://www.diabetes.com> - Diabetes is a leading cause of kidney failure. This site contains a diabetes health library, newsroom, community information, products and prescriptions.
- http://www.medscape.com/viewpublication/70_index - *Diabetes Care* magazine.

- <http://www.diabetes.org> - American Diabetes Association website contains diabetes information, the *Diabetic Advocate*, and state profile statistics.
- <http://www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes/> - National Eye Institute publications for patients with diabetic eye disease.
- <http://www.nei.nih.gov/health/diabetic/retinopathy.asp> - National Eye Institute publications with links for patients with diabetic retinopathy.
- <http://www2.niddk.nih.gov> - National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease was established by NIH in 1950. This website contains health information, research and educational programs.
- <http://medweb.bham.ac.uk/easdec> - Diabetic Retinopathy website.

D. Reduce Disparities Websites—also see SDPS Intranet links:

- <http://www.iccnetwork.org> - Intercultural Cancer Council promotes policies, programs, partnership & research to eliminate the unequal burden of cancer among racial & ethnic minorities.
- <http://www.nrharural.org> - National Rural Health Association's mission is to improve the health of rural Americans. This website contains partnership, publication and resource information.
- <http://www.omhrc.gov> - Office of Minority Health Resource Center, U.S. DHHS website contains *Initiative to Eliminate Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Health*, publications, and a resource person's network.

E. Health Plans Websites:

- <http://www.ahip.org/> - America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) features services, medical affairs, resource center, communications and training topics.
- <http://www.cfah.org> - Center for the Advancement of Health has a new section "Health Behavior Change in Managed Care" addressing risk reduction, preventive health behaviors (smoking cessation) related to CMS national topics and risk management/chronic diseases.
- <http://web.ncqa.org> - National Committee for Quality Assurance website contains Health Plan Report Card rating the quality of managed care plans on access & services, quality providers, staying healthy, getting better and living with illness topics.

F. End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Websites:

- <http://www.esrdnetworks.org> - Forum of ESRD Networks and links to all ESRD Networks.
- <http://www.cdrg.org> - Chronic Disease Research Group
- <http://www.lifeclinic.com/focus/blood/default.asp> - Blood pressure information site that is a cause of kidney failure.
- <http://www.kidney.org> - National Kidney Foundation website contains information for organ & tissue donors & recipients, health care professionals, patients, meetings and events.
- <http://www.nephron.com> - The Nephron Information Center website was created by Stephen Fadem, MD. This comprehensive site offers information on kidney disease links, physician & patient resources, early renal insufficiency, and dialysis units in the USA, how the kidney works, renal & other organizations, government, quality improvement, transplantation and urology.
- <http://www2.niddk.nih.gov> - National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases was established by NIH in 1950. This website contains health information, research and educational programs.
- <http://www.unos.org> - United Network for Organ Sharing website contains transplant (organ & tissue sharing) data and resource information for patients and families.

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