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Reference Sources

Reference Sources can focus your topic by giving you a concise overview, background information, facts and statistics, definitions and correct spellings. The reference titles below are located in the Reference Stacks in the MCC Library.

Call Number	Title
REF R111.H4.C66	Complementary and Alternative Medicine Sourcebook
REF R133.C65	Colossus of Folk Medicine
REF R690.E97	Exploring Health Care Careers
REF R733.D96	The Duke Encyclopedia of New Medicine: Conventional and Alternative Medicine for All Ages
REF RC81.A2.R56	Feed a Cold, Starve a Fever: A Dictionary of Medical Folklore
REF RM666.H33.S575	Mosby's Handbook of Herbs & Natural Supplements
REF RM671.A1	PDR for Nonprescription Drugs, Dietary Supplements, and Herbs
REF RS164.C4437	Natural Health Encyclopedia of Herbal Medicine
REF RS180.C5.W785	An Illustrated Chinese Materia Medica
REF RZ440.C58	Collins Alternative Health Guide

Reference Databases

Reference Databases provide similar information as the print reference sources above. They can be accessed electronically from the [MCC Library homepage](#) under Reference Databases. For remote access, click on the [Off Campus Access Menu](#).

Database Name	Description
Gale Virtual Reference Library	database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multi-disciplinary research; see subject encyclopedias under Medicine
Oxford Reference Online	a cross-searchable database of reference works from Oxford University Press; see Subject Reference: Medicine
Sage Reference Online	a cross-searchable collection of 80 authoritative, interdisciplinary e-reference titles
Salem Health	online access to Salem Press' award-winning health reference works

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Article Databases

Periodicals consist of popular magazines, newspapers, trade and scholarly journals. To learn about the differences in periodicals refer to Researching Periodicals on the Class Handouts page. All of these resources can be located from the [MCC Library homepage](#) under Article Databases. For remote access, click on the [Off Campus Access Menu](#).

Database Name	Description
Academic Search Premier	multi-disciplinary database provides full text for more than 4,500 journals
CINAHL	most comprehensive source of full text for nursing & allied health journals
Health Source Consumer	collection of consumer health information
Health Source Nursing	provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines
ProQuest	multi-disciplinary full-text database

Web Search Tool	Description
www.scirus.com	The most comprehensive scientific search engine on the web. Includes access to full-text journal articles in BioMed Central and PubMed Central.

Sample Searches

Keyword Searches

- ✓ Chinese medicine
- ✓ holistic health
- ✓ natural supplements
- ✓ integrative medicine

Subject Searches

- ✓ alternative medicine
- ✓ complementary therapies
- ✓ homeopathy
- ✓ naturopathy

Internet Sources

Remember to carefully evaluate information found on the Internet. Unlike most traditional print sources, Internet sources may not go through any review process before the information is made available to the public.

Web Site	Address
Alternative Medicine Foundation	www.amfoundation.org
The Continuum Center for Health & Healing	www.healthandhealingny.org
Food and Drug Administration	www.fda.gov
National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine	nccam.nih.gov
Quackwatch	www.quackwatch.org

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