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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. Reference Sources are located in the print Reference Collection.

Call Number	Title
REF R111 .H4 G455	Genetic Disorders Sourcebook
REF RB155.5 .G35	The Gale Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders
REF QH427 .E53	Encyclopedia of Genetics
REF QH302.5.D54	Oxford Dictionary of Biology For finding related terminology.
REF QH302.5.E53	Encyclopedia of Life Sciences
REF RC 48.8 .N385	NORD Compendium of Rare Diseases and Disorders
REF RC55 .M4	The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy

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
Credo Reference	full-text online reference service with hundreds of well-regarded titles from some of the best reference publishers
Gale Virtual Reference Library	database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multi-disciplinary research; see subject encyclopedias under Medicine
Oxford Reference Online/ Medicine Category	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
UpToDate	evidence-based, peer-reviewed medical information resource for patients and clinicians

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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 the Researching Periodicals on the General Handouts page. All of these resources can be located from the [MCC Library homepage](#) under Article Databases.

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 Health Source Nursing	collection of consumer health information provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines
MEDLINE	index that includes all areas of medicine, including dentistry and nursing
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.
www.scholar.google.com	Web tool for searching scholarly literature. Limited full-text availability.

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. More internet sources can be found on the Subject Guide page.

Web Site	Address
Your Genes Your Health	www.ygyh.org/index.htm
GeneReviews	www.genereviews.org
Genetic and Rare Disease Information Center	rarediseases.info.nih.gov/GARD/
MedlinePlus	www.medlineplus.gov
National Human Genome Research Project	www.genome.gov
National Organization for Rare Disorders	www.rarediseases.org
Orphanet	www.orpha.net

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