

Biology: Science Issues and Health Topics Pathfinder



Check out our library's databases first!! They have tons of reliable information about your topics, including **PRINT SOURCES** like magazine articles and articles from books, as well as multimedia content (video, images, etc.). Databases are the next best thing to books. ☺

Gale

Includes two databases:

1. **Student Resource Center**
 - a. general topics
2. **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**
 - a. debatable issues, exploring different sides of various issues (for controversial topics)

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A Hint About Searching for General Websites ☺

You can specify with Google which domains you want the search engine to return (.gov or .edu., for example).

Just click the little link to the right of the search bar that says, "Advanced Search." Then, at the bottom of the search box is a place you can type in which domain(s) you want Google to search.

General Health Websites

1. Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/>
2. U.S. Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov/>
3. Mayo Clinic: <http://www.mayoclinic.com/>
4. MedlinePlus: <http://medlineplus.gov/>
 - a. Includes...
 - i. Medical Dictionary:
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/mplusdictionary.html>
 - ii. Medical Encyclopedia:
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/encyclopedia.html>
5. WebMD: <http://www.webmd.com/servicesconsumer.shtml>
 - a. Includes 4 websites addressing general health issues and drugs.
 - i. <http://www.webmd.com/>
 - ii. <http://www.medicinenet.com/script/main/hp.asp>

- iii. <http://www.emedicinehealth.com/script/main/hp.asp>
- iv. <http://www.rxlist.com/script/main/hp.asp>
- 6. KidsHealth: <http://kidshealth.org/>
 - a. Focus on children and teens
- 7. March of Dimes: <http://www.marchofdimes.com/home.asp>
 - a. Focus on newborn health issues
- 8. UCSF Children's Hospital: <http://www.ucsfchildrenshospital.org/conditions/index.html>
 - a. Focus on newborn and children's health issues

Cancer

- 1. Inside Cancer: <http://www.insidecancer.org/>
- 2. American Cancer Society: <http://www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp>
- 3. National Cancer Institute: http://www.cancer.gov/cancer_information/
- 4. Cell Biology and Cancer:
http://science.education.nih.gov/supplements/nih1/cancer/activities/activities_toc.htm
- 5. Cancer Treatment Centers of America: <http://www.cancercenter.com/>

Heart Disease, Stroke, Blood Pressure

- 1. American Heart Association: <http://www.americanheart.org/>
- 1. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/dci/index.html>
- 2. PBS's Nova episode "Cut to the Heart": <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/heart/>
- 3. The Heart Truth: <http://www.4woman.gov/hearttruth/>
- 4. Heart and Stroke Foundation: <http://www.heartandstroke.com/>
- 5. CardioSmart: <http://www.cardiosmart.org/>

Diabetes

- 1. American Diabetes Association: <http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>
- 2. National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC):
<http://diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/index.htm>
- 3. National Diabetes Education Program: <http://ndep.nih.gov/>

4. Diabetes and Women: <http://www.womenshealth.gov/faq/diabetes.cfm>
5. Diabetes Research Institute:
<http://www.diabetesresearch.org/DiabetesEducationandManagement/ManagementandEducationMain.htm>

Asthma

1. American Lung Association: <http://www.lungusa.org/>
2. Teen Asthma: <http://www.teenasthma.ca/index.jsp>
3. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute:
http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/dci/Diseases/Asthma/Asthma_WhatIs.html
4. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences:
<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/conditions/asthma/index.cfm>
5. Breath of Life: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/breath/breathhome.html>
 - a. An exhibition that examines the history of asthma, the experiences of people with asthma, and efforts to understand the disease.

Environmental Issues/Global Warming/Pollution

1. NASA: <http://www.nasa.gov/home/index.html>
 - a. Search for “global warming” in the search box.
2. Environmental Defense Fund’s “Fight Global Warming” Program:
<http://www.fightglobalwarming.com/>
3. National Wildlife Federation & Global Warming: <http://www.nwf.org/globalwarming/>
4. Union of Concerned Scientists: <http://www.ucsusa.org/>
5. Pew Center on Climate Change: <http://www.pewclimate.org/>
6. United States Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/>

Mental Health Issues

1. National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH): <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>
 - a. Click the “Topic Finder” at the top of the page for a quick view of basic mental health subjects, or type in your issue in the search bar.
2. Mental Health America: <http://www.nmha.org/>
3. MedlinePlus: Mental Health Topics: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/mentalhealth.html>

4. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Mental Health Information Center: <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/>
5. World Health Organization (WHO) Mental Health Topics
 - a. Mental Disorders: http://www.who.int/topics/mental_disorders/en/
 - b. Mental Health: http://www.who.int/topics/mental_health/en/
6. National Alliance on Mental Illness: <http://www.nami.org/>
7. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Mental Health: <http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/>
8. BBC Health: Mental Health: http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/conditions/mental_health/index.shtml
9. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Mental Health: <http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/>
10. California Department of Mental Health: <http://www.dmh.ca.gov/default.asp>
 - a. Check out the "Links" and "Mental Health Resources" tabs

Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate

1. American Academy of Otolaryngology: <http://www.entnet.org/HealthInformation/cleftLipPalate.cfm>
2. Cleft Lip & Palate Association: <http://www.clapa.com/medical/>
3. FamilyDoctor.org (partner of KidsHealth.org): http://kidshealth.org/PageManager.jsp?dn=familydoctor&lic=44&article_set=22974#
4. Cleft Palate Foundation: <http://www.cleftline.org/>
5. Children's Hospital of St. Louis's Pediatric Cleft Palate Institute: <http://www.stlouischildrens.org/content/medservices/cleftpalateandcraniofacialinstitute.htm>

Parkinson's Disease

1. Parkinson's Disease Foundation: <http://www.pdf.org/>
2. National Parkinson Foundation: <http://www.parkinson.org/Page.aspx?pid=201>
3. Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's: <http://www.michaeljfox.org/>
4. PBS's *Frontline* Episode "My Father, My Brother, and Me": <http://video.pbs.org/video/1082086931>
 - a. This is an episode of PBS's *Frontline* program.