Thus far, we have been using exclusively, the MEDLINE system of the National Library of Medicine. You would be well served if you were to do nothing more than stay within MEDLINE and become adept at its various retrievals.



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However, having grounded oneself in that primary source of scientific information in the bio-medical sciences, we will now start to branch out to other sources on the Internet. We will use MEDLINE as a gateway. Again, MEDLINE is a component of the National Library of Medicine, and the library produces various informational "products"; one of which is an expert organization of worthwhile links to various Internet sites on particular medical topics. This is MEDLINE plus, and it is oriented mostly toward informing patients or "consumers" of medicine. From your browser, log to

[http://medlineplus.gov].

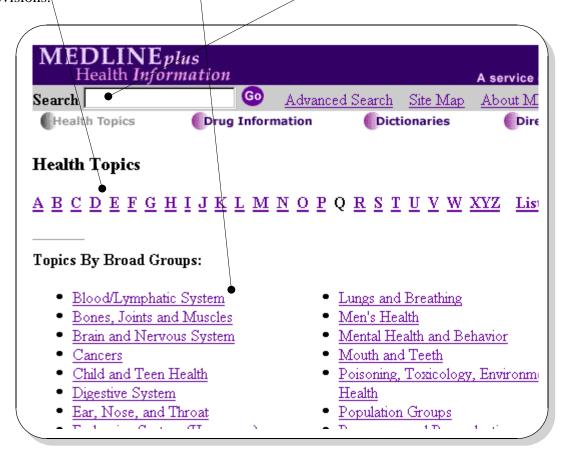
This takes you to the home page. Note - NLM retains the older procedure of providing a "**Text version**" of the site, which can be a nice feature - simpler and faster.



Various features are available; and you will want to explore each. Select the appropriate <u>category</u> for the information which you desire. <u>Health Topics</u> is the section which deals with medical problems. Also, you may <u>search</u> the site by key word.

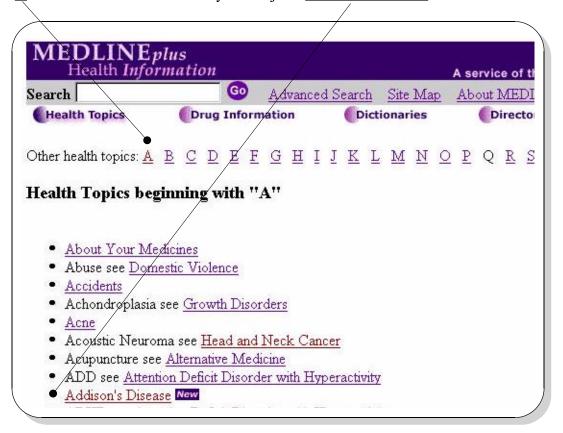


In the Health Topics section, you may search for you subject by **key word**, by **alphabetical listing**, or by **Broad Groups**. Once you find the specific sector which pertains to your interest and if it will be of continuing interest to you, bookmark the URL (using your browser function or Ctrl-D) so that you may return periodically to see current revisions.



MEDLINE*plus* is being expanded continuously; and if your medical concern is not listed, check back at a later date or send an e-mail to the library and request that they compile resources about your concern. There is a request feature on the site.

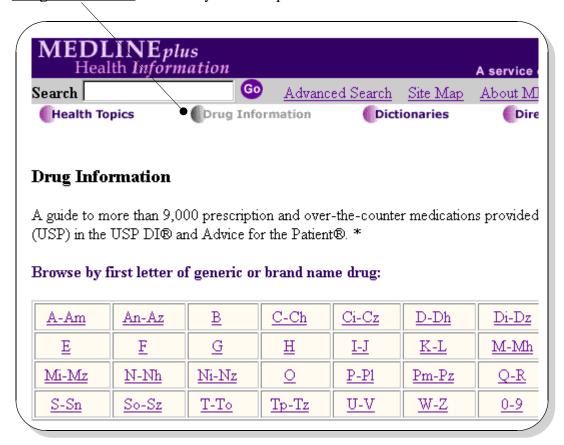
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This takes you to a very extensive page with links to various Internet sites that pertain to Addison's Disease.



If you desire information on specific drugs, then select, from anyplace in the site, the link to "**Drug Information**". You may use the alphabetical **browser** or the **Search** function.



If you want information on medical or health professionals, then select "Directories".



Directories

Physicians and Other Health Professionals

- ADA Member Directory (American Dental Association)
- AMA Physician Select: Online Doctor Finder (American Medical Association)
- American Chiropractic Association Find a Doctor (American Chiropractic Associati
- American Podiatric Medical Association: Member Locator (American Podiatric Medi
- · DocFinder (Association of State Medical Board Executive Directors) health profess
- Find a Psychologist (American Psychological Association)
- Osteopathic State & Regional Associations (American Osteopathic Association)

Hospitals and Other Health Facilities

- <u>American Hospital Directory</u> (American Hospital Directory, Inc.) from information Financing Administration and American Hospital Association
- Facilities Directory: Veterans Health Administration (Veterans Health Administration)
- Find a Hospice (National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization)
- Find Homes and Services for the Aging (American Association of Homes and Services)
- Finding an Assisted Living or Residential Care Facility (American Health Care Associated Living)
- HCFA Nursing Home Compare (Health Care Financing Administration)
- Hospital Select (American Medical Association, Medicalnet, Inc.)
- HospitalWeb (Massachusetts General Hospital, Dept. of Neurology) directory of k state
- Quality Check (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) diorganizations.
- Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator (Substance Abuse and Mental Health)