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9(A) The National Institutes of Health. NIH is the principal medical research agency of the U.S. Federal government. The homepage is [<http://www.nih.gov>] and there is an index page for its various health web-sites at [<http://www.nih.gov/health/index.html>].

A screenshot of the NIH Health Information Index website. At the top, it features the NIH logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES National Institutes of Health". Below this is a navigation bar with buttons for "Health", "Grants", "News", "Science", "Institutes", and "About NIH". A link "Back to: [Health Information](#)" is visible. The main heading is "NIH Health Information Index" in large red letters, accompanied by a small cartoon of a person reading. Below the heading is a "Go to:" section with alphabetical categories: [[A-E](#)] [[F-J](#)] [[K-O](#)] [[P-T](#)] [[U-Z](#)]. A black dot is placed under the "F-J" category, with a line pointing to the text below. The text reads: "Where can you find information on diseases currently under investigation, major NIH research areas, and important health-related topics? Right here".

Select the alphabetical category of your medical subject - i.e., Hypertension.

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You will be presented with a list of **subjects**. Select the **appropriate link**.

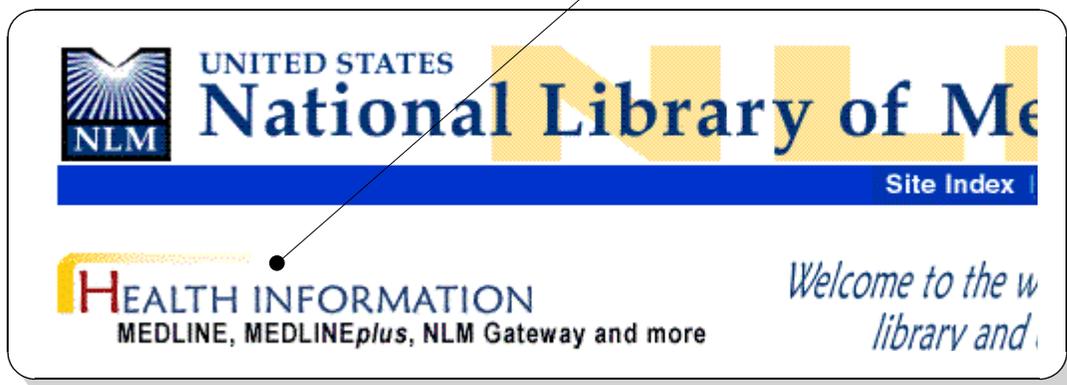
- Hyperopia - [NEL](#) 301-496-2248
- Hyperparathyroidism - [NIDDK](#) 301-496-3583
- Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis - [NIAID](#) 301-496-5717
- Hypertension - [NHLBI](#) 301-592-8573
- Hyperthermia (Heat Stroke/Heat Exhaustion) - [NIA](#) 301-496-1752
- Hyperthermia Therapy - [NCI](#) 800-422-6237 or 301-496-5583
- Hyperthyroidism - [NIDDK](#) 301-496-3583
- Hypertiglyceridemia - [NHLBI](#) 301-592-8573
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy - [NHLBI](#) 301-592-8573

You are then taken a relevant site. From there, you can navigate to your interests.

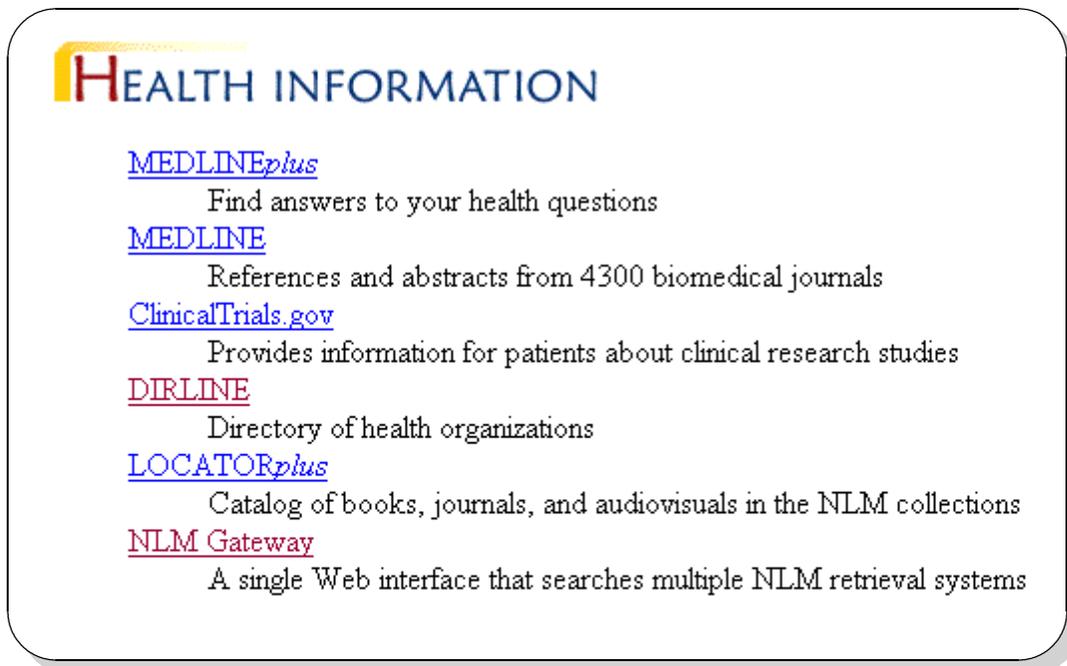
The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). At the top, there is a purple banner with the NHLBI logo on the left and the text "National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute" in white. To the right of the banner are three red buttons labeled "WHAT'S NEW", "SEARCH", and "SITE INDEX". Below the banner, the page is divided into two columns. The left column contains a list of navigation links: "Health Information", "Scientific Resources", "Research Funding", "News & Press Releases", "Committees, Meetings, & Events", "Clinical Guidelines", "Studies Seeking Patients", "Labs at the NHLBI", and "Technology Transfer". The right column is titled "Highlights" and contains several links: "Special Web Pages and Interactiv", "Cholesterol Management Confere", "Garfield Star Sleeper Campaign", "Women's Heart Health Workshop", "The NHLBI Express", "NHLBI Programs for Genomic Ap", "NHLBI Strategic Plan on Health C", and "NHLBI Healthv Pennle 2010 Gate". At the bottom left of the page, it says "The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute".

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9(B) The National Library of Medicine. NLM is a component of NIH and is the world's largest biomedical library. Thus far, we have been mostly using one of their resources - MEDLINE. For additional resources go to the homepage is [<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>]. Select the “**Health Information**” link.



You are taken to a listing of major services with links.



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These are described briefly as follows.

MEDLINE-<i>plus</i>	Find answers to your health questions. This has already been covered in a previous Procedure 7.
MEDLINE	References and abstracts from 4300 biomedical journals ClinicalTrials.gov Provides information for patients about clinical research studies. This has been covered in Procedures 1-4.
DIRLINE	Directory of health organizations.
LOCATOR-<i>plus</i>	Catalog of books, journals, and audiovisuals in the NLM collections.
NLM Gateway	A single Web interface that searches multiple NLM retrieval systems.
Bioethics	BioethicsLine for ethics and related public policy issues in health care and biomedical research.
Cancer	CancerNet, the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) many sources of cancer information including CANCERLIT. This will be covered in section 11.
Chemical Substances	Chemical information on drugs, pesticides, environmental pollutants and other potential toxins.
Health Services Research & Health Care Technology	Information products, services and databases provided by the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology.
History of Medicine	History of Medicine Division contains resources for historical scholarship in medicine and related sciences.
Molecular Biology/Genetics	Consult the databases of the National Center for Biotechnology Information for DNA sequences and analysis tools, human genome resources and information on genetic diseases and taxonomy.
Public Health	Partners in Information Access for Public Health Professionals has information resources and services for those working in the broad field of public health .
Toxicology	Consult the Toxicology and Environmental Health Information Program for information on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, toxicological effects of drugs, etc.

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For a more complete listing go to [<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets>].

NLM Fact Sheets--Listed Alphabetically

This is a complete list of NLM Fact Sheets (one-to-two page descriptions of NLM listed in alphabetical order. You may also view the list of fact sheets [organized by s](#)

- [National Library of Medicine \(NLM\)](#) February 26, 2001
- [Access to Audiovisual Materials](#) April 12, 1999
- [Acid-Free Paper for Biomedical Literature](#) June 7, 2000
- [AIDS Information Resources](#) May 18, 1999
- [AIDSLINE](#) June 5, 2000
- [AIDSTRIALS and AIDSDRUGS](#) June 15, 1999
- [Assistance for Research Investigators](#) January 23, 2001
- [Bibliographic Services Division](#) October 28, 1999
- [Bioethicsline](#) December 13, 2000
- [Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System \(CCRIS\)](#) November
- [ChemID](#) December 1 1999

There are many other NIH/NLM databases and resources that can be useful for specialized interests. Some of them are reviewed in the remainder of this section.

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9(c) National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. NCCAM is another component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). It is dedicated to exploring complementary and alternative healing practices in the context of rigorous science. “Complementary” therapies and “alternative” therapies are distinguished from “conventional” therapies. Conventional medicine comprises those practices which are usually accepted by most physicians, hospitals, and insurance payors. Alternative medicine is anything other than conventional; and complementary therapies are usually used to relieve symptoms, alleviate pain or the side effects of conventional treatments, and to improve overall physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. The main site is [<http://nccam.nih.gov>]. To do selected searches for citations in this area, a “Sub-set” of MEDLINE can be accessed at [<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nccam/camonpubmed.html>].

9(d) Gateway. Gateway allows users to search simultaneously in multiple retrieval systems at the National Library of Medicine. The program accesses the following databases. [<http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov>]

MEDLINE	DIRLINE
OLDMEDLINE	AIDSLINE
LOCATORplus	HSR
MEDLINEplus	HSRProj

9(e) SEARCH enables a global search throughout the resources of National Institutes of Health. [<http://search.nih.gov>]

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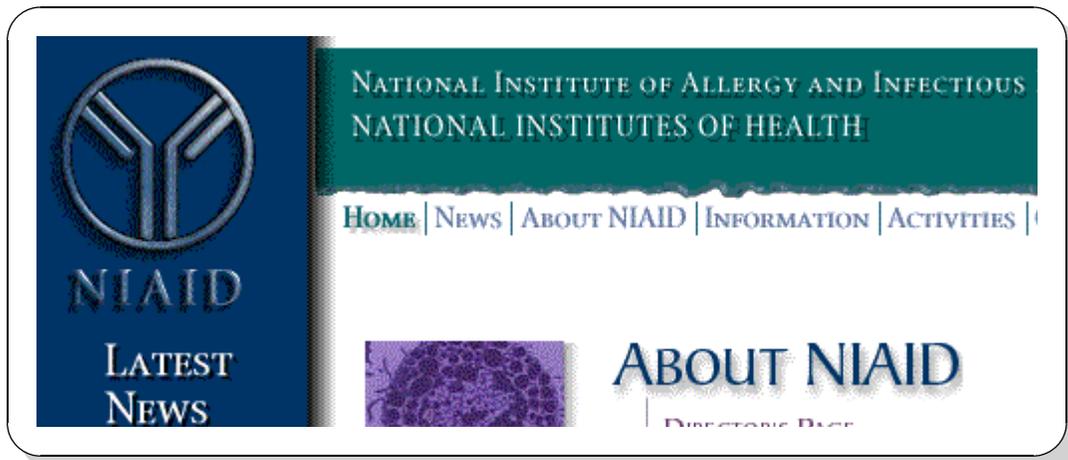
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9(F) Food and Drug Administration is mandated to promote the safety and efficacy of medical products. **Food** (Foodborne Illness, Nutrition, Dietary Supplements ...), **Drugs** (Prescription, Over-the-Counter, Generic ...); **Medical Devices** (Pacemakers, Contact Lenses, Hearing Aids ...); **Biologics** (Vaccines, Blood Products ...); **Animal Feed and Drugs** (Livestock, Pets ...); **Cosmetics Safety**; **Radiation-Emitting Products** (Cell Phones, Lasers, Microwaves ...). The homepage is [<http://www.fda.gov>].



9(G) National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. NIAID provides the major support for research in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of many infectious, immunologic and allergic diseases. There are four divisions: 1) AIDS; 2) Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation; 3) Microbiology and Infectious Diseases; and 4) Extramural Activities. [<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/default.htm>]



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9(h) Database of Toll-Free Telephone Numbers of health and medical organizations. [<http://newsis.nlm.nih.gov/hotlines>]



Toll-Free Numbers from the National Library of Medicine

The National Library of Medicine is pleased to offer this online database of health-related organizations operating toll-f

9(i) Dietary Supplements. [<http://dietary-supplements.info.nih.gov>]

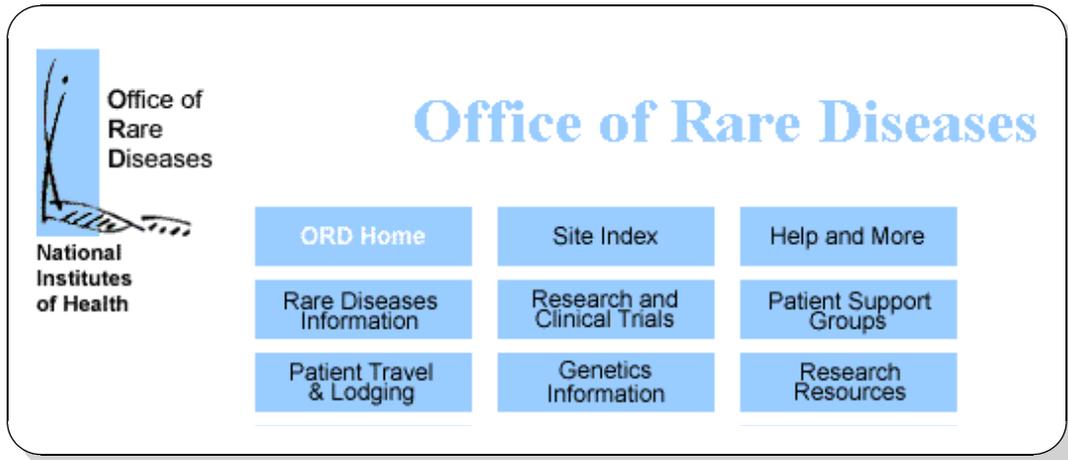


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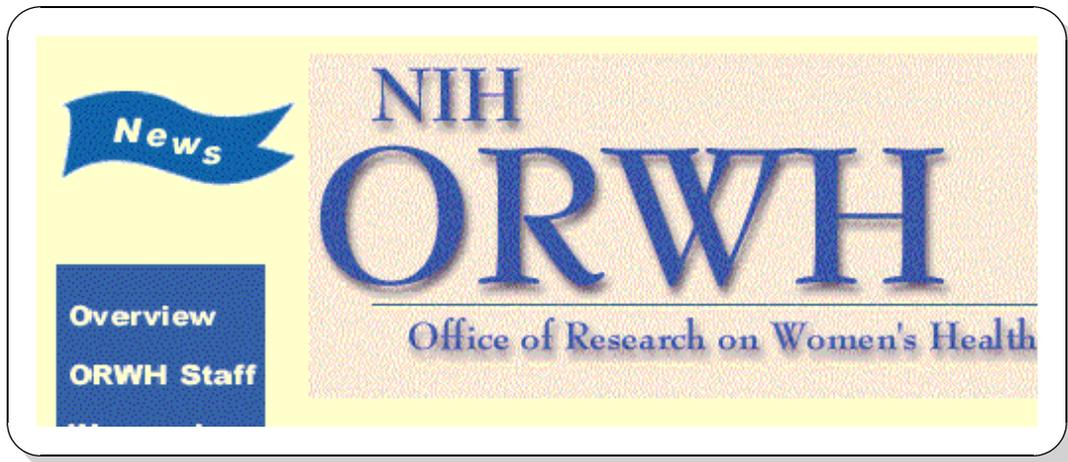
What Are Dietary

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9(j) **Rare Diseases.** [<http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/ord>]

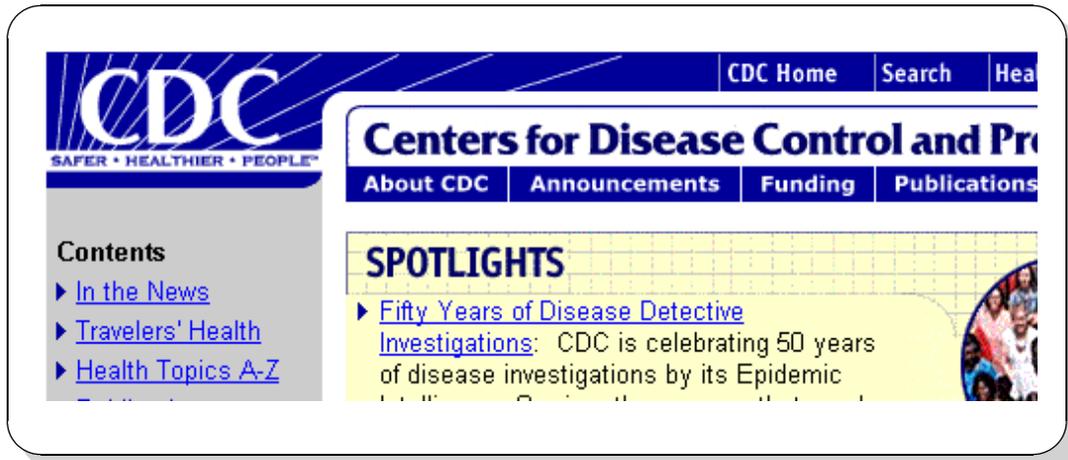


9(k) **Women's Health.** [<http://www4.od.nih.gov/orwh>]



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9(L) **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.** [<http://www.cdc.gov>]



9(M) **National Institutes of Health in Spanish.** [<http://salud.nih.gov>]

