

Community Health Library

Open to patients, visitors, families and community members.

Visit the Community Health Library on the 01 level of the main hospital (right outside of Rehab) and get help finding reliable health information; use the computers in the library; or pick up a novel or magazine to pass the time.

Resources and services are free.



Library hours

9am - 4pm

Monday - Friday

410-550-0678

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Reliable Caregiver Information on the Internet

A Reference Guide



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Remember: The information found on the websites in this brochure **does not take the place of your doctor.** Discuss any information you may find with your doctor.

Medicine & Payment Help

Pillbox

pillbox.nlm.nih.gov

Facts about pills, pictures of pills, and side effects.

Consumer Med Safety

consumermedsafety.org

Tips for taking pills safely including storing and discarding, and poisoning.

Patient Assistant Programs (PAPs) help you if you can't afford your medicines.

Needy Meds (en español)

needymeds.org

Free or low cost medicine payment programs. (800-503-6897)

RxAssist

rxassist.org/patients

Payment help with medicines. Gives links to free or low cost healthcare programs.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

pparx.org

Payment help with medicines. Map of free clinics. Links to free or low cost diabetes supplies, hearing aids, savings cards, and more.



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Doctor & Hospital Information

Hopkins Medicine

hopkinsmedicine.org/profiles/

Find a Hopkins doctor by name or specialty.

Hospital Compare (en español)

Medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html

Information about the quality of care in hospitals across the country.



Insurance Information

Healthcare.gov (en español)

healthcare.gov

Find health insurance choices.

Veterans Affairs - Health Care Benefits and Services

va.gov/health

Veterans' health benefits, health programs, and finding a VA facility.

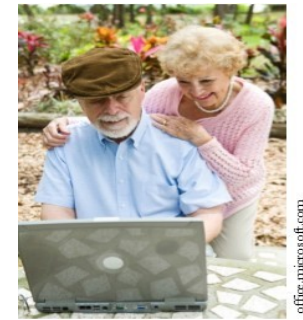
Benefits.gov (en español)

benefits.gov

Gives facts on all types of government benefits.

Read Before You Search

A Google search for **caregiver** produces over **hundreds of thousands** of results! How do you know which of these sites has **reliable** information?



Reliable websites give you true information!

Remember these four points when you search the Internet:

Accuracy

Does the website use reliable research? Check many sources for the same information - are the results the same?

Authority

Websites that end in .org, .gov or .edu are usually the most reliable websites for health facts. Make sure the website is written by doctors, nurses, or others working in the health field.

Bias

Who pays for the website? If a company supports a website they could have control over the website and give you wrong information.

Currency

When were the facts last updated? Medical research never stops. Make sure the information is no older than **3** years.

Signs of a Scam

How can you tell if websites are telling the truth? These signs can help you decide whether a website or an ad is a scam.



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- No one treatment works for everyone. All conditions are different. Two people with the same problem may need different treatments. Don't trust any website with ads for products that say it can treat any sickness.
- "Natural" doesn't always mean safe or that it actually works.
- Fake marketers may trick you into buying their product. Products that claim to cure or treat a sickness might seem honest, but they can be completely made-up. An actor or model could have been paid to tell you they like the product. **Personal stories are not proof that the product works.**
- Big words might sound impressive, but aren't proof that the product works. Your doctor will know the facts.
- A money-back guarantee doesn't prove that a product works.

Johns Hopkins Resources

Hopkins Health Library

hopkinsmedicine.org/healthlibrary

Health topics and Hopkins doctors.

My Chart at Hopkins

mychart.hopkinsmedicine.org

Access your Hopkins medical records. (also available as a mobile app through Google Play and the App Store)

Johns Hopkins Home Care Group

hopkinsmedicine.org/homecare

Home care services including training, medical supplies and equipment, infusion, hospice, caregiving help. (410-288-8100)

Called to Care

HopkinsMedicine.org/JHBMC/CalledtoCare

Program to assist and recognize caregivers. (410-550-8018)



Elderplus

HopkinsMedicine.org/JHBMC/Elderplus

A daycare for the elderly located on the Johns Hopkins Bayview Campus. For information, call Tiffani Williams (410-550-8093) or Theodora Peters (410-550-7047).



Advance Care Planning

Healthcare plans for the future are an important step to make sure you get the medical care you want.

National Institute on Aging (en español)

nia.nih.gov/health/publication/advance-care-planning

Tips and help for advance directives, how to select someone to help you make health decisions, and more.

Caring Connections (en español)

caringinfo.org

Gives information and support for planning ahead as well as information about hospice and palliative care. Links to advance directives for all states.

Aging With Dignity

agingwithdignity.org

A private, non-profit organization, affirming the human dignity of every person who faces the challenges of aging, serious illness, disability or loneliness and creator of “**Five Wishes.**”

The Community Health Library has copies of “Five Wishes”. More than just an advance directive, *Five Wishes* brings a holistic approach to a living will by including an individual’s care and comfort choices. It provides a means to legally document your choices for medical treatment, comfort, and care wishes.



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MedlinePlus.gov is from the National Library of Medicine. This website will always give you good facts. **It is free and should be your first stop for health information on the Internet.**

MedlinePlus information is

- Easy-to-use
- Reliable
- Current
- Accurate
- Written by health professionals
- Free of ads

MedlinePlus features:

- Health topics pages
- Drug and supplement information
- Medical dictionary and encyclopedia
- Directories
- Interactive health tutorials
- Health news

La información de salud en español.
It is available in several other languages.

Caregiving & Older Adults



National Alliance for Caregiving

caregiving.org

Research, support groups, and resources for all kinds of caregivers.

Long-Term Care Information

longtermcare.acl.gov

Facts and tips about planning long-term care arrangements.

Maryland Access Point

mdaccesspoint.gov

Resources for older adults and people with difficulties. (844-627-5465)

Eldercare Locator

eldercare.acl.gov

Information about senior services.

VA Caregiver Support

caregiver.va.gov

Information specific to caregiving of veterans, including a support line.
(1-855-260-3274)

Caregiving & Older Adults

A Place for Mom

aplaceformom.com

Find elder care.

AARP Caregiving Resource Center (en español)

aarp.org/caregiving

Caregiver guides, checklists on topics, such as care for caregivers, and support.

Caregiver Action Network

caregiveraction.org

Payment help, checklists for pills and doctor visits.

Caring From a Distance

cfad.org

Long-distance caregiving help.

National Caregivers Library

caregiverslibrary.org

Faith resources, help choosing a doctor, checklist for pills, long distance care, end of life care, and housing.

Share the Care

sharethecare.org

Help organizing caregivers.

Well Spouse Association

wellspouse.org

Help for husbands/wives who are caregivers.