

Collier Library – Pathfinder

HUMAN DISEASES & CONDITIONS

SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library in the field of **HUMAN DISEASES & CONDITIONS**. Please note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

The Library of Congress Class that includes **HUMAN DISEASES & CONDITIONS** is R. BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles:

R 5 – 920	Medicine General	RC627.5-632	Metabolic diseases
RA 638	Immunity & immunization (public health)	RC633-647.5	Diseases of the blood & blood-forming organs
RA 639 – 642	Transmission of disease	RC648-665	Diseases of the endocrine glands
RA 643 - 645	Disease (Communicable & noninfectious)	RC666-701	Diseases of the circulatory (Cardiovascular) system
RA 648.5 - 767	Epidemics. Epidemiology.	RC705-779	Diseases of the respiratory system
RB 1 – 214	Pathology	RC799-869	Diseases of the digestive system
RB 151 – 214	Theories of disease, Etiology, Pathogenesis	RC870-923	Diseases of the genitourinary system
RC31-1245	Internal Medicine	RC924-924.5	Diseases of the connective tissues
RC581-607	Immunologic diseases. Allergy	RC925-935	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system

RC620-627 Nutritional diseases. Deficiency diseases

For a more complete listing see <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco.html>

In the event you do not find what you are looking for by browsing consult UNACAT, the online catalog. The following are selected SUBJECT HEADINGS, which appear in UNACAT.

DISEASES	MEDICINE, POPULAR
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	MENTAL ILLNESS
DEFICIENCY DISEASES	OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES
MEDICAL GENETICS	WOMEN DISEASES

Other Subject headings can be identified by using **Library of Congress Subject Headings**, located on the dictionary stand in the Reference Area.

BEGINNING RESEARCH – SELECTED SOURCES

Introduction and overview material

- **Cambridge World History of Human Disease [Ref R 131 .C233 1993]**
- **Emerging Infectious Diseases: Trends and Issues [RA 643 .E465 2007]**
- **Introduction to Human Disease: Pathology and Pathophysiology Correlations [RB 112.C76 2004]** by Leonard Crowley
- **World Epidemics: A Cultural Chronology of Disease From Prehistory to the Era of SARS [Ref RA 649.S 65 2003]** by Mary Ellen Snodgrass
- **Worldwide Health Sourcebook [Ref RA 441 .W68 2001]**

Literature guides and bibliographies

- **AIDS and Ethics: A Bibliography [Ref Z 6664 .A27 R47]** by Charlotte Reppy
- **Gale Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders [Ref RB 155.5 .G35 2002]**
- **Information Sources in the Medical Sciences [Ref R 118 .I56]**
- **Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences [Ref Z 665 .I54 2004]**

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

- **Dictionary of Syndromes and Inherited Disorders [Ref RC 69 .G55]** by Patricia Gilbert
- **Encyclopedia of Mental Health [Ref RC 437 .K34 2008]** by Ada P. Kahn
- **Gale Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders [Ref RB 155.5 .G35]**
- **Illustrated Dictionary of Immunology [Ref QR 180.4 .C78]** by Julius M. Cruise
- **New Wellness Encyclopedia [Ref RA 776 .N396]**
- **Oxford Illustrated Companion to Medicine [Ref R 121 .O834 2001]**
- **Stedman's Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing [Ref R 121 .S8 2005]**

Directories

- **The AHA Guide to the Health Care Field [Ref RA 977 .A1 A46]** published by the American Hospital Association
- **Complete Directory for People with Chronic Illness: DCI [Ref RC 108 .C65]**

Almanacs & Statistical Sources

- **Alabama's Vital Events [Alabama HA 221 .A37y]**
- **Statistical Record of Health and Medicine [Ref RA 407.3 .S83]**
- **Statistical Handbook on Infectious Diseases [Ref RA 643 .W33]**
- **Vital Statistics of the United States [Gov. Doc. HE 20.6210:]**

Handbooks & Manuals

- **Conn's Current Therapy [Ref RM 101 .C87]**
- **Current Medical Diagnosis & Treatment [Ref RC 71 .A14]**
- **Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-IV-TR. [Ref RC 455.2 .C4 D536 2000]**
- **The Harvard Guide to Women's Health [Ref RA 778 .C2163]** by Karen Carlson
- **Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy [Ref RC 55 .M4]**
- **Oxford Illustrated Companion to Medicine [Ref R 121 .O884 2001]**
- **Physicians' Guide to Rare Diseases [Ref RC 69 .P49]**
- **Professional Guide to Diseases [Ref RT 65 .P69 2001]**

Biographical Sources

- **Dictionary of American Medical Biography [Ref R 153 .D53]**
- **Dictionary of American Nursing Biography [Ref RT 34 .D53]**
- **Doctors & Discoveries: Lives that Created Today's Medicine [Ref R 134.5 .S56 2002]** by John G. Simmons
- **Biographical Dictionary of Women Healers: Midwives, Nurses and Physicians [Ref R 692 .B52 2002]**
- **American National Biography** (Online database)
- **Biography Reference Bank** (Online database)
- **Biography Resource Center** (Online database)

SUGGESTED DATABASES FOR LOCATING PERIODICAL ARTICLES on HUMAN DISEASES & CONDITIONS

[BioMed Central](#)

[CINAHL Plus with Full Text](#)

[Health and Wellness Resource Center](#)

[HealthSource: Nursing/Academic](#)

[Medline \(Cambridge Scientific Abstracts\)](#)

[PubMed Central](#)

[Salem Health](#)

PERIODICAL titles held by the library (in print and electronic format) can be identified by clicking the PERIODICAL HOLDINGS link under “Find Articles” on the library website at <http://www.una.edu/library> or by searching in UNACAT.

A few frequently used PERIODICALS on **HUMAN DISEASES & CONDITIONS** are:

American Journal of Epidemiology
American Journal of Medicine
American Journal of Public Health
British Medical Journal (BMT)
Clinical Infectious Diseases
International Journal of Epidemiology

Internet Journal of Infectious Diseases
Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)
Journal of Infectious Diseases
Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)
New England Journal of Medicine
World Health

INTERLIBRARY LOAN - it is possible to borrow books or obtain copies of articles from other libraries if the material is unavailable locally. Inquire at the Reference Desk or consult the library’s web site for policy information and request forms at: <http://www.una.edu/library/about/departments/ill/>

SUGGESTED WEBSITES – (Remember to evaluate any website you use as a source for a research paper or other assignment.)

United States Department of Health and Human Services
<http://www.hhs.gov/>

CDC Health & Safety Topics
<http://www.cdc.gov>

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

Mayo Clinic Diseases and Conditions A-Z
<http://mayoclinic.com/>

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