

NHS Services

NHS Direct (online service at www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

Also, a 24-hour nurse-led helpline providing confidential healthcare advice.

0845 46 47

NHS in England

This site connects you to local NHS services in England and provides national information about the NHS. The new NHS Search Engine now allows you to search over 600,000 web pages that provide NHS and health information.

www.nhs.uk/england/

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

Provides confidential on the spot advice and support about NHS care and services.

Contact details for Oxfordshire Primary Care Trusts and Hospital and Specialist Healthcare Trusts are at:

www.oxfordshire.nhs.uk/pals/contact.asp

For Further Information

Cairns Library (OULS)
John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford
01865 221936

Churchill Hospital (OULS)
Headington, Oxford
01865 225815

Horton Hospital Library, Banbury
01295 229316

Katharine House Hospice
Adderbury, Banbury
01295 811866

Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre
Headington, Oxford
01865 227361

Old Road Campus (OULS)
Headington, Oxford
01865 289409

Oxford Brookes University Library
Headington, Oxford
01865 483156

Oxfordshire Learning Disability NHS Trust
The Slade, Oxford
01865 228159

Oxfordshire Mental Healthcare NHS Trust
Littlemore & Warneford Hospitals, Oxford
01865 226412

Sir Michael Sobell House
Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford
01865 225797

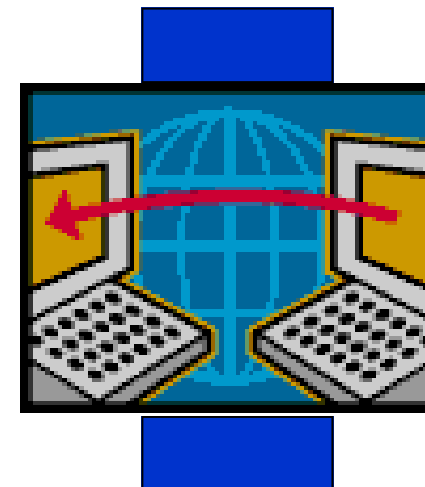
South Oxon NHS Library
Abingdon Community Hospital
01865 221945

www.oxfordshire.nhs.uk/libraries



Health Information on the Web

Websites to recommend to your patients



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Conditions and treatments

The following sites include reliable guidance and evidence on a range of conditions and treatments.

Best Treatments

Clinical evidence for patients from BMJ Publishing. Gives information on conditions and which treatments work, operations and tests, and decision support.

www.besttreatments.co.uk

NHS Direct Online

Online version of the government sponsored NHS Direct service. Includes: Self-Help Guide -conditions and care pathways.

Health Encyclopaedia -symptoms, diagnosis, treatments of conditions. FAQs -details of operations and tests.

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

DIPEX

Database of individual patient experiences, includes interviews with patients on a range of topics about living with a condition.

www.dipex.org

PRODIGY Clinical Knowledge Summaries

Guidance to help primary care professionals and patients make decisions together, includes Guidance, Prodigy Drugs, Quick Reference Guides and Patient Information Leaflets.

www.prodigy.nhs.uk

Bandolier

Bullet-pointed information on effectiveness of treatments.

www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/

Hitting the Headlines

Evaluation of health stories reported in the newspapers, and the underlying evidence.

www.library.nhs.uk/rss/

Subject Gateways

Evaluated health information gateways leading to quality-checked resources and websites.

Intute:health and life sciences

A free catalogue of hand-selected and evaluated internet resources in health and medicine.

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences>

Patient UK

An independent service leading to high quality UK Internet health sites.

www.patient.co.uk

MEDLINE plus

A service of the US National Library of Medicine for health consumers, providing access to extensive information about diseases and conditions .

www.medlineplus.gov

Complementary & Alternative Medicine

There are 41 million hits for 'alternative medicine' on Google! Here are some high quality sites:

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. www.nccam.nih.gov

The National Library for Health Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Specialist Library

Although the content is intended primarily for health professionals and CAM practitioners and researchers, most of the information is also accessible by patients and carers.

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/cam/>

And... how to spot a rogue site:

www.quackwatch.com

Specialist sites / Support groups

CancerHelp UK: Site managed by Cancer research UK. www.cancerhelp.co.uk

Cancernet: www.cancernet.co.uk

Drugs on Trial: UK patient-friendly portal site for clinical trials for all therapeutic areas. Provides background information for those considering being volunteers for clinical trials.

www.drugsontrial.com

BMA Patient Groups and Patient Information Factsheet: BMA guide to where to find patient information and support groups. www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/LIBPatientInformation

Contact a Family Directory of Conditions: Contains details of many medical conditions and also patient support groups.

www.cafamily.org.uk/dirworks.html

Patients Association: Details of the Patients Association's campaigns and publications.

www.patients-association.com

UK selfhelp groups: A list of phone numbers for over 700 patient organisations. www.ukselfhelp.info/