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Evidence-Based Practice Tools

There is a plethora of sources of evidence-based information for the physician and nurse. To that end, we have attempted to organize and present a number of resources, both subscription-based and readily available, which the healthcare practitioner can choose. Providers in the never-ending pursuit of improved patient care may also find them useful in the day-to-day management of patients.

Our website (www.samlib.com) contains many links designed with the practicing clinician in mind. The library continually attempts to provide the best evidence-based resources so that those practicing clinicians that want to incorporate evidence-based resources along with their own personal skills and expertise into their decision-making can do so.

Finding Nursing Evidence Using PubMed and Others

[PubMed](#) is a database with **FREE ACCESS** from the [National Library of Medicine \(NLM\)](#). To date, it includes over 20 million article citations for biomedical literature dating back to 1948. The citations are from MEDLINE and other life sciences journals. [PubMed](#) also includes links to many publisher sites providing full text articles and other related resources.

This amazing research tool not only provides article information in the health sciences; including nursing, allied health, and healthcare administration. When available, the original abstracts are provided when you use the *ABSTRACT Display Setting*. If access is provided to us either via an ongoing electronic subscription, open access, or a publisher has lifted their embargo on the article or issue, our SHS Logo will appear in this display setting. All that is needed is for you to click on the logo and the article in its full text entirety should be available. As with any system, it is not perfect and there may be glitches. If the link is incorrect, broken, or a username/password is required for access, contact library staff for assistance.

You may not want to limit yourself to the PubMed article database; you may also want to consider some of Gale's Databases such as the [Nursing & Allied Health Collection](#) or their [Health Reference Center Academic](#). Then if you still aren't finding the desired information, you may wish to try the [Evidence Based Medicine Reviews - Cochrane Library](#).

Library staff is well versed in using these resources and will be happy to help you to use them, as well.

All of these databases can be found on the [Databases](#) page of the Medical Library Gateway (www.samlib.com).

ACS Surgery: Principles & Practice

ACS Surgery is the official reference of general surgery of the American College of Surgeons. We offer this online textbook through **STAT!Ref**.

First published in 1989 as a loose-leaf product with regular updates, it is now available online as a complement to our printed hardbound book. Updated monthly, the online product continues its approach to the needs of the practicing surgeon by providing the most current instruction on the latest state-of-the-art operative techniques though never neglecting the [American College of Surgeons](#)' commitment in providing quality surgical education.

You can find this new addition to our growing [Online Textbooks](#) under the [SURGERY, GENERAL](#) subject classification. Due to our licensing agreement, please remember to logoff.

Access our newest online textbook offering with autologin while on the SHS network or through a username/password when offsite which is easily obtained by contacting library staff.

Drug Information on the Go

Are you looking for some drug information while on your mobile device? Then Drug Information on the Go, a free application that is not a trial, may be for you. Now you can access the same content you rely on in Micromedex on your iPhone for free.

Drug Information contains the pharmaceutical industry's most comprehensive drug information and is backed by the same thorough, unbiased editorial process as Micromedex. You will have access to 4500+ search terms. Now from anywhere, clinicians can instantly get information to support their treatment decisions.

It is designed for both the iPad and iPhone. An internet connection is not required to access this information anytime, anywhere! Check it out by clicking the following link, and then download it for yourself (<http://appshopper.com/medical/micromedex-drug-information>).

Find this and other mobile applications on our [Handheld / Mobile Devices](#) page.

Wallet Card Updated Once Again (version 5.0, rev. 11/10)

With our ever growing set of electronic resources on the Medical Library Gateway (www.samlib.com) a new wallet card is now available. The wallet card which easily clips onto your Samaritan identification badge, continues providing username/passwords for specific resources (when outside the SHS network), contact information for all library staff, and afterhours access information for your two staffed libraries. The latest wallet card can also be found on the Library's Department page located on the SHS Insider (Samaritan employees only have access). Look for the document entitled "**Library Badge**" under **Library Links**.

To receive one, check with any library staffer either by email, telephone, or stopping by the libraries.

Help Us Help You...

When looking for information there is no better place to begin than with the Libraries of Samaritan Health Services. The library staff is pleased to meet with you one-on-one, attend research or planning meetings, participate in department meetings, attend Grand Rounds, "shadow" clinical rotations or patient rounds, or even assist with a Journal Club.

We can provide a customized presentation for a department meeting, in-service of the many resources and services we offer, find articles, locate images, demonstrate online resources, or assist with any other information need. You may come to either of our two staffed libraries or we are happy to come to you.

Feel free to stop by either library or contact the Murray Memorial Library at GSRMC by dialing 541.768.6200 or the Stanley K. Davis Library at SAGH by calling 541.812.4446.