

# FootNotes

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## Library Learning Opportunities Are Easy

Library staff is always available to provide instruction on any of our resources or services. Most often it is presented in an informal style either on one of the library's computers or your own workstation. You should find that this instruction is not only informative and useful but fun too! All you need to do is call one your librarians to set up a convenient time and date.

## What Can Your Library Do For You Today or Anyday?

The Libraries of Samaritan Health Services are open to all SHS employees, residents, students, patients, as well as the general public. Whether the need is patient care, research, administrative decision-making, patient education via referral, or to simply check your email, your two libraries can help. The many resources of [www.samlib.com](http://www.samlib.com) along with personal assistance from attentive library staff make whatever information needs you may have simpler and easier than you may have thought. Take a moment to stop by and see for yourself. The Murray Memorial Library at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center is located in the Heart Wing next to the Gift Shop. The Stanley K. Davis Library at Samaritan Albany General Hospital can be found on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor just to the left as you exit the elevator.

## Welcome New Medical Residents and Students!

The Libraries of Samaritan Health Services would like to welcome our new residents and students to Samaritan Health Services. The library staffs at both Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (GSRMC) and Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAGH) are ready to assist with all your information needs.

## Health Administration Collection

Did you know we have an ever-growing collection of textbooks, journals, and newsletters covering the many non-clinical aspects of healthcare? You can find both in the Murray Memorial Library at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center with some textbooks available at the Stanley K. Davis Library at Samaritan Albany General Hospital.

Most of the textbooks can be found in their own section within our stacks at GSRMC where some of the subjects covered can range from the Accountable Care Organizations, Toyota's Lean management system, quality in healthcare, leadership, and finance. To see if there is a book that may be of interest, just go to LibraryWorld, our [SHS Library Catalog](#) located on [www.samlib.com](http://www.samlib.com).

The journals and newsletters are located in a section within our current display racks dedicated to these administrative and management issues. Healthcare IT, Quality, Healthcare Informatics, and Finance are just some of the subjects covered. Most are published on a monthly basis though some are some received more frequently.

Stop by or contact a Librarian if looking for something in particular.

## **New Features on the Natural Standard Database**

Two new features launched by [Natural Standard](#) include an [Adverse Effects Checker](#) and a [Recipe Database](#).

The [Adverse Effects Checker](#) is a decision-support tool allowing clinicians to quickly check for potential causes of reported adverse effects by category or alphabetically. Users will like the way they can click on a specific adverse effect to see what integrative therapies may have these effects. Though a new feature, Natural Standard has always provided adverse effects of integrative therapies but now in a more convenient way. This can be found under the Checker tab at the top.

Their new [Recipe Database](#) is being described as serving as a resource for both health professionals and consumers. Each of the recipes included in the database provide information on preparation time, difficulty, diet and nutrition details and direct links to Natural Standard evidence-based systematic reviews for studied ingredients. You'll find it under the Tools tab, also at the top.

## **New Name but the Same Reliable Dietetic Information**

If you were looking for information from the American Dietetic Association on [www.samlib.com](http://www.samlib.com) not to worry, you can still locate it on the [Medical Library Gateway](#). The American Dietetic Association officially changed its name in January, 2012 to the [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#) reflecting its focus on the "nutritional well-being of the public" as it places an emphasis on the academic expertise of its members; most of whom are primarily registered dietitians. In existence since 1917, its primary concern at that time was to help feed the troops healthfully during the First World War.

Their website [www.eatright.com](http://www.eatright.com) remains the same containing high quality information for both the [health practitioner](#) and the [public](#).

## Drug Information Portal

The [Drug Information Portal](#) from the U.S. National Library of Medicine ([NLM](#)) contains information on over 33,311 drugs. Indexed by Name or Category, the Portal gives the user access to selected drug information from the NLM and other key U.S. Government agencies. Two of the many nice features of the Drug Information Portal include the coverage of a drug from clinical trials ([www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)) through its placement into the U.S. marketplace after approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ([FDA](#)). Another nice feature is the coverage of drugs available in other countries outside the United States.

Simply put, the Drug Information Portal brings together the collective resources of numerous U.S. Government agencies and their online resources.

**Visit or contact SHS libraries: Murray Memorial Library at GSRMC - 541.768.6200**

**or Stanley K. Davis Library at SAGH - 541.812.4446.**