

FootNotes

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Who or What is www.samlib.com?

Often we spend as much time and effort looking for health information on the Internet as anything else. It's also one of the most frustrating functions of providing quality care for patients. So it's important to make sure you don't waste the time you've set aside to find then acquire it. You can continue with the time-consuming process of finding information from an ever-increasing pool of websites and resources. And since it costs much less time use an organized set of existing electronic resources instead of constantly replacing them, it just makes good time management sense to use something that works time after time.

So, who or what is samlib.com? Simply put, samlib.com is our Internet address name for The Medical Library Gateway. The mission of the hospital-sponsored web portal is to support the clinical management, research, and educational information needs within our network of Oregon [hospitals](#), [physicians](#) and [senior care facilities](#) serving the needs of the people in the mid-Willamette Valley and the Central Oregon Coast.

Using www.samlib.com is —quick & easy

Located in the *Navigation column on the top and to the right* are the web pages offered to you in an organized, categorized collection that are available through the Internet. All links from each individual page will open as a brand new page separate from the page you clicked from. In those cases you can just close those windows and you will return to the page you began with.

Using an organized set of online resources can be an effective, time-saving method for staying in touch with the changes and updates in a clinical area or specialty. It helps reduce stress in researching, locating, viewing, and/or ordering information. Since it can be used from any Internet accessible computer anywhere, it's convenient and easy. Another benefit is the almost instantaneous delivery of information that the Internet affords. You don't have to worry whether you have to physically get to one of our libraries or for that matter, if that library is even open.

Samlib.com makes it simple to research, locate, read/print, or order if need be the authoritative comprehensive up-to-date healthcare information needed to make those medical decisions. You will appreciate the ease with which The Medical Library Gateway or samlib.com if you will delivers a virtual medical library to your desktop or handheld 24 hours a day, seven days a week! You may also access samlib.com from our SHS Insider Library Page.

Remember, samlib.com is not meant to be or should it be a replacement for the professional library services you receive from our staff of information professionals in the Murray Library.

Did You Know That...?

When looking for statistics pertaining to Oregon and even cities within the state, these can be located on a number of the pages on The Medical Library Gateway. The logical place to begin is our [Government Agencies](#) page! Organized by federal and state government agencies,

statistical and comprehensive resource listings; there is a good chance you'll find what you are looking for. If not, don't stop there rather; head over to our [Administrative & Management](#) page. Yes, there are statistical resources from state, federal, and international agencies that may provide the information you require.

Looking For Just The Right Book

Looking for something to read in your spare time? We just might have the book for you. As another part of our system-wide efforts to recycle, we are trying to do our part in the library. We want to create a space where you can come choose a book, drop off a book, and read a book; but we need your help. As a start-up project, we would like to ask all employees at Good Samaritan to bring in those books that you already read, want to recirculate, and just clear that space at home. "Popular reading" whether fiction or nonfiction are welcome! This is to be your own collection. Just stop by and drop them off; we'll do the rest! And, thank you!

Disasters Never Keep a Schedule

Disasters never keep a schedule but have that tendency to sneak up on you. Knowing that, you can prepare yourself and your family to weather most you may encounter. A place to begin is our [Emergency Preparedness](#) page which points you resources that you can use right away in developing a plan to keep yourself and loved ones safe. Keys to this are to prepare, plan, and stay informed. So what are you waiting for?