**SCOPE:** This guide is designed to aid the beginning student of the Physician Assistant program in finding online and print resources in the HPD Library. It is not meant to be comprehensive. To find these and other resources, always start at the HPD Library homepage. [www.nova.edu/hpdlibrary](http://www.nova.edu/hpdlibrary).

**PRINT MATERIALS:** Books and multimedia on Physician Assistants are classified in the W 21.5, W 49, W 84.6, WB 39 sections of the library. To find topics on related subjects look in Novacat, NSU’s online catalog of all electronic, print, and other materials. Circulating books are shelved on the right side of the library (can be checked out for 4 weeks), reference books on the left on low shelves (library use only), and reserve books in the front (can be used for 3 hours in the library). Study rooms can be used for 3 hours, both in the library and Assembly II Building.

**USEFUL BOOKS in the REFERENCE and RESERVE SECTIONS:** A partial list.


**RESEARCH DATABASES:** Most of the databases can be accessed through the Quick Links listing on the HPD Library homepage. Click on the following link to get to the HPD homepage. [www.nova.edu/hpdlibrary](http://www.nova.edu/hpdlibrary)

- **CINAHL.** Internet equivalent of the Cumulative Index of Nursing & Allied Health Literature. Covers almost all the English-language nursing journals, publications of the American Nurses Association, and the National League for Nursing. It also indexes 13 Allied Health disciplines from 1983 to the present.
- **Dynamed.** Evidence-based, full text database delivering very current information on the most common diseases in primary care. Articles are concise with no unnecessary prose.
- **MDConsult.** A convenient one-stop site of online books, journals, practice guidelines, drug information, and current topics in medicine. Journal articles are most often in full text.
- **MEDLINE.** Produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine. The premier source for bibliographic coverage of biomedical literature, including medical ethics. Almost 12 million records from 4,800 journals indexed and abstracted.
- **UpToDate.** Continually revised full-text articles diseases in Internal Medicine, Obstetrics-Gynecology, and Pediatrics. Articles include pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment.

**ONLINE FULL TEXT JOURNALS:** To locate all of the available full-text journals connected with Physician Assistant go to the following link: [Physician Assistant Online Journals](http://www.nova.edu/hpdlibrary). For all Physician Assistant journals click on the following: **HPD Library Print Journal Holdings**. Currently the P.A. journals are on page 42. Below is a partial list. Note: NSU Libraries hold over 17,000 online full text journal subscriptions.

- The Internet Journal of Academic Physician Assistants.
ONLINE BOOKS: NSU owns an outstanding collection of online books and other materials on the subject of Medicine: well over 200 sources. To access these materials click on the following link and select the desired medical specialty: Online Medical Books.

USEFUL ONLINE RESOURCES: For other valuable online resources go to:
- Center Watch. Link to abundant medical resources for patients and professionals. Links to a bookstore for patients and professionals and to a drug information site. [http://www.centerwatch.com/professional/index.html]
- Cochrane Databases: Systematic Reviews, Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness, and Controlled Trials Register. From protocols to a bibliography of controlled trials. Available through the HPD Library’s Quick Links.
- FreeMedical-Journals. Access to over 1400 quality medical journals. Only proviso: these are made available after a certain time period; 6-months to over a year. [http://www.freemedicaljournals.com]
- Harrison’s Online. Best resource for Internal Medicine. Available through the HPD Library’s Quick Links.
- Health Web. Links to information in Family Practice/Primary Care. [http://healthweb.org/browse.cfm?subjectid=40]
- Primary Care: Clinical Practice Guidelines. “Clinical resources: guidelines, clinical reviews, cross-cultural health, teaching, and more...” [http://medicine.ucsf.edu/resources/guidelines/]

NATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTES and AGENCIES: partial list.
- ClinicalTrials.gov. A service of the U.S. National Institutes of Health. Links to clinical trials for a variety of conditions. [http://www.clinicaltrials.gov]
- FedStats. “Gateway to statistics from over 100 federal agencies.” [http://www.fedstats.gov]
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Gateway to a plethora of medical resources. [http://health.nih.gov]

OTHER PATHFINDERS with ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED LINKS
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Morris Library. One of the most comprehensive subject guides for the Physician Assistant. [http://twister.lib.siu.edu/cgi-bin/encore2/resources?sub=dp19]
- Western Michigan University’s Learning Resource Center. A very good collection of resources. [http://www.wmich.edu/hhs/LRC/pa.htm]

TUTORIALS for NSU DATABASES:
- HPD produced tutorials: [http://www.nova.edu/hpdlibrary/tutorials.html]
- Tutorials developed by the Alvin Sherman Library: [http://www.nova.edu/library/help/techhelp.html]
- Ovid Technologies, Inc. Tutorials. [Ovid Training and Help.]

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