

MDCONSULT

Description: Web-based searchable resource

Scope: Electronic full text and bibliographic clinically oriented medical information

Audience: Physicians and medical students

Content: Mosby, W.B. Saunders, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, etc., for reference books. Journal literature from NLM's MEDLINE database (1966-) and MDConsult's database comprised of the Clinics of North America series (generally 1996-) and the Year Books series (generally 1994-). Practice guidelines from over 50 medical societies and government agencies. Patient handouts published by the American Academy of Family Physicians, DynoMed.com, Elsevier Science, Clinical Reference Systems, National Institutes of Health, and Well-Connected. Drug information comes from Mosby's Drug Consult. CME courses from Cyberounds®.

Access: Requires access from a computer within the IP address ranges of the LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport campus.

URLs: 1) direct access at:

<http://home.mdconsult.com/>, or

2) select the MDConsult link from the Library home page at:

<http://lib.sh.lsuhscc.edu>

Selecting either method will open the Generic Account in MDConsult. From the Generic Account registration/login is required to access the Personal Account.

Register/Login: Select Click for Personal Login, and select Get a Personal Account to register to establish a Personal Account. Complete and submit the form creating a username and password. All future login to the Personal Account will be with the username and password after selecting Click for Personal Login.

Generic vs. Personal Account: Generic Account allows access without a user name and password but does not allow personalization and customization of material or access to all material. Personal Account allows access to My Folder for bookmarking and saving searches, MyPDA/POCKET Consult to download to a PDA, access to add contact information or customize patient handouts with comments and instructions, access to customize Today in Medicine to personal areas of interest, and to utilize CME.

Arrangement: MDConsult is arranged into the eleven major areas shown below.

Home	Clinics	Books	Journals	Drugs	News	Current Practice	Patient Handouts	Student Union	CME	Marketplace
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Drugs, News, and Current Practice are further divided into the hypertext links listed: Drug Look-Up, Drug Updates, Drug Information; This Week in Medicine, In This Week's Journals, What Patients are Reading; Clinical Topic Tours, Clinical Insights, Case of the Week, Practice Guidelines.

Using MDCONSULT

Context sensitive Help is available at the top right corner of the page.

NOTE: Help opens a new window and only one Help window will open at a time.

Browse from the opening page by selecting an area link of your choice. Quick Tips offer area specific navigation and searching advice. To continue browsing, select from the available links. (Exception: the Journal Search area is not browsed with links).

Enter a new search at the top of the screen to search all of MDConsult by subject. To limit a search to a particular area, select its link from the "Search" frame. A subject search form, tailored to search the selected area, displays. Use the "Clear Search" button to erase your previous query.

Selected Queries Used in the Subject Search Form

Truncation: MDConsult searching automatically defaults to include common root word endings such as "s", "es", "ies", and "ing". Truncation wildcard characters include ? for one character and * for any number of characters. Use at least three characters prior to the truncation symbol. Left-hand truncation is not allowed.

Boolean Operators:

AND	retrieves information containing both terms
OR	retrieves information containing either term
NOT	retrieves information from one term, omitting overlap with the other term

Subject Searching: Enter single or multiple terms in the subject box; however, use matched parentheses around terms that are combined with OR. Terms can be combined with the Boolean Operators shown above. An example: (cardiomegaly OR heart hypertrophy) AND antihypertensive agents.

Qualifiers: Annals of Surgery [jn] is a search query containing a journal title followed by a [fieldname]. This results in a reverse chronological listing of articles from the searched journal. The complete list of field qualifiers is found in MDConsult's Help in Advanced Searching Techniques.

Logoff/Exit

If logged in to the Personal Account, select Log Off when done. It is found in the upper right corner of most pages. If in the Generic Account, select Exit when done, which is found in the upper right corner of most pages. Service is discontinued after 15 minutes of inactivity.