Consumer Health Resources in GALILEO databases

Start with the EBSCOhost family of databases:

**Academic Search Premier** – all-purpose and multidisciplinary, indexes 4000 titles, 3000 full-text; audience is primarily undergraduate and above.

**Health Source – Nursing/Academic** – more focused on health, primarily clinical titles, indexes 850 titles, with 600 full-text. Unfortunately, only thirty full-text titles are available in CINAHL’s core of eighty-six nursing titles. This database does not contain a limiter or filter to separate nursing from other clinical titles. Note: patient handouts for disease conditions (*Clinical Reference Systems*) and a medical dictionary (*Stedman’s*), both useful for nursing students and other health professionals, are located in the Health Source – Consumer database.

**Health Source – Consumer** – more for a public library audience, this database indexes over 200 titles, of which 190 titles are available in full-text. Contains *Clinical Pharmacology* (drug information handouts) and *Clinical Reference Systems* (patient handouts). Also contains a browse-able *Stedman’s Medical Dictionary* (click “Medical Dictionary” button at top menu) with good brief entries, but often too technical for consumer use. However, this is convenient: search *Stedman’s* and check mark a medical term found there; then clicking the Search button within *Stedman’s* will execute a search of Health Source – Consumer for that term.

To extract only *Clinical Pharmacology* or *Clinical Reference Systems* content, use one of two methods:

1. From Basic Search or Advanced Search, search the topic. From the results, click on the Clinical Pharmacology link for only that content, or click CRS for only Clinical Reference Systems content.

2. From Advanced Search, enter search term(s). On another search term line, enter “clinical pharmacology” in SO Journal_Name for only that content; OR, enter “clinical reference systems” in SO Journal_Name for CRS content.

**Clinical Pharmacology**

Contains Drug Monographs and Patient Education handouts in English and Spanish by Gold Standard Multimedia for pharmaceutical products. The Drug Monographs are spare and technical; the real gem in this database is the Patient Education handouts for consumers. *Spell the generic or brand names of drugs accurately; EBSCO’s spell-checker is practically non-existent.*
Three best ways to search for *Clinical Pharmacology* content:
1. Basic Search; enter drug name in Find box; click Search.
2. Advanced Search; enter drug name in Find box; change in to “SU Drug_Name” search field; click Search. (Limits available in Advanced Search: “images” (pill images), Patient Education English, Patient Education Spanish, Drug Monograph)
3. Drug Index; enter drug name in Browse for box; change default from “Alphabetical” to “Relevancy Ranked”; click Browse.

**AltHealth Watch**
Unique complementary and alternative medicine site with about 140 titles indexed, almost all in full-text. While conventional access points are provided to search this small database - like article title, author, subject, and journal name – it does allow “All Text” searching. This allows you to broaden a search for any keyword in the body of a full-text article.

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**Other GALILEO “databases”**

**Merck Manuals**
Three Merck Manuals are definitely available:
- **Home Edition** (2nd, 2003) – for consumer use
- **Diagnosis and Therapy** (17th, 1999) – best known and most established, and found in many Georgia libraries; written for clinicians.
- **Geriatrics** (3rd, 2000) - new

Search the Manuals two ways:
1. Go to the Table of Contents and drill down into to the links to the desired text.
2. Use the keyword search box; enter search term(s) and click Search; view a result list (ranked by relevancy) and choose the content to view.

According to GALILEO information screens, Merck’s **Veterinary Medicine** (8th, 1998) is not available; however, this source was available from MCG’s Greenblatt Library and it may be available to other GALILEO libraries.