

Serving a New Generation of Older Adults: Health Information for Boomers

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Health Information Resources

MedlinePlus

<http://medlineplus.gov>

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

<http://nccam.nih.gov>

NIHSeniorHealth

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov>

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/videolist.html>

KidsHealth

<http://kidshealth.org>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

<http://ahrq.gov/questionsaretheanswer>

<http://ahrq.gov/consumer>

My Pyramid Tracker

<http://mypyramidtracker.gov>

DIRLINE (Directory of Information Resources Online)

<http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov>

Public Library and Community Partners page

<http://nnlm.gov/outreach/community>

Pew Internet and American Life Reports

- Wired for Health: How Californians compare to the rest of the nation
http://www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP_CA_Health_Report.pdf
- E-patients With a Disability or Chronic Disease 9/19/2007
http://www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/EPatients_Chronic_Conditions_2007.pdf
- Online Health Search 2006
http://www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP_Online_Health_2006.pdf

- Dr. Google's Office Never Closes, Pew Internet presentation in May 2005 – http://www.pewinternet.org/PPF/r/41/presentation_display.asp
- Generations Online, Data Memo, December 2005
http://www.pewinternet.org/pdfs/PIP_Generations_Memo.pdf

Articles

“What Boomers Want: They're changing old age and library service with it”
By Beth Dempsey -- Library Journal, 7/15/2007
www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6457208.html, accessed 9/21/07

“Patients Turn to the Internet for Health Information”, Robert Shapiro, National Public Radio. Story aired October 11, 2007. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=15166387> (last accessed 10/21/07)

Additional Resources

Keep the Beat 2008 Calendar, National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
<http://email.nhlbihin.net/ktbcalendar/>

National Health Observances
<http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/>

About the Consumer Health Series

In working with the California State Library, public libraries and other who provide health information to the public, we are continually reminded that the need for health information continues to grow. People are confronted with more information than ever before, and libraries can provide services and resources to help people make sense of it all and make good decisions about their health. This series will cover a variety of topics related to best practices and best resources for providing health information services to patrons.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome!

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