

Exercise #2

Using MedlinePlus for Additional Information Answers

In this exercise you will explore the Drug, Directories, and News sections of MedlinePlus.

Instructions: Choose **two** questions from each section below and answer them using the **Drugs & Supplements, Directories, and News** sections of MedlinePlus.

A. Drugs & Supplements

1. My doctor just prescribed Nexium for my acid reflux. Can you tell me more about this drug? Will there be side effects and, if so, what are they?

[Browse drug information for Nexium.]

2. Citalopram is the generic name for a drug used to treat depression. What is the brand name for this medication?

[Browse drug information for citalopram/click on Brand Names link.]

3. Ginkgo is a supplement used for a variety of disorders. What are some drugs that should not be taken with ginkgo?

[Browse Herbs & Supplements for Kaletra. Click on the Interactions link.]

B. Directories

1. My mother lives in Jupiter, Florida and needs to see a cardiologist. Can you tell me who she should see?

[Go to MEDLINEplus/click on "Directories"/ go to AMA physician select. Do not recommend a physician, but you may provide a list]

2. Find a hospital within 100 miles of your home that has oncology services.

[MedlinePlus/Directories/Find a Hospital/search by zip code]

3. Is there a midwife in your area who will deliver a baby at home?

[MedlinePlus/Directories/Other Health Care Providers/Find a Midwife]

C. News

1. What were yesterday's health headlines?

[News/scroll down to yesterday's date.]

2. Find health news from the past 30 days on childhood asthma.

[MedlinePlus/News/health news by topic/Asthma in Children]

3. From the front page of MedlinePlus (medlineplus.gov), go to the Sign up now! link. What daily and weekly news information is available through your email?

[Click on the Sign up now! link and scroll down to see what's offered.]