

Exercise #3

Using National Library of Medicine Collaborative Databases

In this exercise you will explore and familiarize yourself with several databases provided by the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with other governmental agencies.

Instructions: Choose three questions below and answer them using links from MedlinePlus, including the **Other Resources/Databases** section.

1. How common is sickle cell anemia?
2. Are there clinical trials studying sleep apnea anywhere in California?
3. Is Simple Green, the household cleaner, harmful to my health?
(Use the Household Products Database, <http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/>.)
4. You have a user with low vision who has been diagnosed with cataract and is trying to find further information on this condition, but is unable to see well. Where would you direct this person?
5. Does the American Diabetes Association have a website? What resources are offered by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America? Does it have a website I can look at?

BONUS

- Use Tox Town (<http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/>) to determine what environmental health and toxic chemical hazards you might find on the U.S.-Mexico border.