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What's New on MedlinePlus

October 16, 2024

Two New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Two new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

Calprotectin Stool Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/calprotectin-stool-test/>]

This test measures a protein, calprotectin, in your stool (poop). High levels are a sign of inflammation in your intestines that may cause severe diarrhea.

Pneumococcal Disease Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/pneumococcal-disease-tests/>]

These tests check for the bacteria that cause pneumococcal disease. The tests may be done on blood, urine, sputum, or cerebrospinal fluid samples.

August 30, 2024

Revised and updated MedlinePlus tutorial Evaluating Internet Health Information now available in Spanish

To support Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy's priority to address health misinformation, MedlinePlus completely revised and updated its tutorial Evaluating Internet Health Information [<https://medlineplus.gov/webeval/webeval.html>] . The new Spanish translation Tutorial de evaluación de información de salud en internet [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/webeval/webeval.html>] is now also available.

July 16, 2024

Test Your Knowledge Quizzes Added to MedlinePlus

60 Test Your Knowledge [<https://medlineplus.gov/testyourknowledge.html>] quizzes from the A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia have been added to MedlinePlus. The quizzes focus on health, wellness, disorders, and conditions, and link with relevant MedlinePlus Health Topic pages and Medical Encyclopedia articles, where more information about the topic can be found. Each quiz is comprised of multiple choice and true or false questions. Quiz pages are fully accessible.

January 13, 2023

My MedlinePlus Newsletter Discontinued

The My MedlinePlus newsletter was discontinued as of December 31, 2022. Find trusted, reliable health information written for consumers from the NIH News in Health [<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov>] newsletter and the NIH MedlinePlus Magazine [<https://magazine.medlineplus.gov/>] . Follow MedlinePlus on Instagram [<https://www.instagram.com/mplusgov/>] , Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/mplus.gov/>] , and Twitter [<https://twitter.com/medlineplus>] .

Here are other ways you can learn of new content added to MedlinePlus:

1. Check this What's New [<https://medlineplus.gov/whatsnew/>] page
2. MedlinePlus offers several general interest RSS feeds [<https://medlineplus.gov/rss.html>] as well as RSS feeds for every health topic page on the site. Subscribe to any of these feeds in your favorite RSS reader.

January 4, 2023

MedlinePlus and MedlinePlus En Español Homepages Refreshed

The MedlinePlus [<https://medlineplus.gov/>] [<https://medlineplus.gov/>] and MedlinePlus en español [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/>] homepages will be refreshed in early January and we encourage you to visit. Changes include:

- Addition of a "Welcome to MedlinePlus" feature in order to follow U.S. Health and Human Services recommendations for homepages to "clearly and prominently communicate the purpose and value of the web site on the homepage"
- Removal of discontinued links and outdated features
- Rearrangement of icons linking to content to improve navigation and reduce clutter

October 26, 2022

Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infections (RSV)

Information on Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infections (RSV) has been updated. For the latest information, check out the health topic [<https://medlineplus.gov/respiratorysyncytialvirusinfections.html>] .

September 24, 2022

New Medical Test Added to MedlinePlus

A new medical test is available on MedlinePlus:

Parainfluenza Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/parainfluenza-tests/>]

Parainfluenza tests diagnose four common viruses that cause respiratory illnesses, including croup and bronchitis.

September 22, 2022

New Health Topic Added to MedlinePlus

A new health topic was added to MedlinePlus:

Post-COVID Conditions (Long COVID) [<https://medlineplus.gov/postcovidconditionslongcovid.html>]

Anyone who had COVID-19, whether it was severe or mild, can have long-lasting symptoms. Learn more about Post-COVID conditions (long COVID), including symptoms, diagnosis, treatments, and prevention.

August 11, 2022

Help Me Understand Genetics Pages Available in Spanish

Help Me Understand Genetics [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/>] is now available in Spanish: [Cómo entender la genética](https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/) [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/>]

These pages are an introduction to fundamental topics related to human genetics, including illustrations and basic explanations of genetics concepts.

August 4, 2022

Genetic Pages Available in Spanish

Four new chapters of Help Me Understand Genetics are now available in Spanish:

- Genetics and Human Traits [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/traits/>] (Genética y rasgos humanos [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/consulta/>]): Are dimples inherited? Are moles genetic? Discover the answers to more questions about genetics and human traits.
- Direct-To-Consumer Genetic Testing [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/dtcgeneticstesting/>] (Pruebas genéticas directas al consumidor [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/pruebasdirectasalconsumidor/>]): Learn about at-home genetic testing. Topics include how to choose a test, risks and benefits, testing costs and more.
- Genomic Research [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/genomicresearch/>] (Investigación genómica [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/investigaciongenomica/>]): Learn about genomic research. Topics include pharmacogenomics, gene editing, and more.
- Precision Medicine [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/precisionmedicine/>] (Medicina de precisión [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/medicinadeprecision/>]): Explore topics that focus on how genetics can impact healthcare.

May 11, 2022

Genetic Pages Available in Spanish

The Gene Therapy and Other Medical Advances [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/therapy/>] chapter of Help Me Understand Genetics is now available in Spanish: [Terapia genética y otros avances médicos](https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/terapia/) [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/terapia/>]

This chapter covers topics including what is gene therapy and how it works. Also discusses the ethical issues surrounding gene therapy and available treatments.

February 23, 2022

Genetic Pages Available in Spanish

The Genetic Consultation [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/consult/>] and Genetic Testing [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/testing/>] chapters of Help Me Understand Genetics are now available in Spanish: [Consulta genética](https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/consulta/) [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/consulta/>] and [Pruebas genéticas](https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/pruebas/) [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/pruebas/>]

These chapters cover topics including why might someone have a genetic consultation and what happens during a genetic consultation. Also, the different types of genetic testing, and how is genetic testing done.

October 20, 2021

Genetic Page Available in Spanish

The Inheriting Genetic Conditions [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/inheritance/>] chapter of Help Me Understand Genetics is now available in Spanish: Herencia de condiciones genéticas [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/herencia/>]

This 10 page chapter covers topics including different types of genetic inheritance, family health history, and heritability.

October 7, 2021

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Fourteen new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Antibody Serology Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/antibody-serology-tests/>]
- Diabetes Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/diabetes-tests/>]
- Dysphagia Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/dysphagia-tests/>]
- STD Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/sexually-transmitted-infection-sti-tests/>]
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Screening [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorders-fasd-screening/>]
- Estrogen Receptor, Progesterone Receptor Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/estrogen-receptor-progesterone-receptor-tests/>]
- Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/sentinel-lymph-node-biopsy/>]
- Heart Disease Risk Assessment [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/heart-disease-risk-assessment/>]
- Red Blood Cell (RBC) Count [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/red-blood-cell-rbc-count/>]
- Red Blood Cell (RBC) Indices [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/red-blood-cell-rbc-indices/>]
- Total Protein and Albumin/Globulin (A/G) Ratio [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/total-protein-and-albumin-globulin-a-g-ratio/>]
- Myasthenia Gravis Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/myasthenia-gravis-tests/>]
- Chymotrypsin in Stool [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/chymotrypsin-in-stool/>]
- Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/cytomegalovirus-cmv-tests/>]

September 29, 2021

MedlinePlus is now on Instagram!



[<https://www.instagram.com/mplusgov/>]

Follow us at: Mplusgov [<https://www.instagram.com/mplusgov/>]

September 21, 2021

New Genetic Pages

Two new pages have been added to MedlinePlus Genetics:

Cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/cryopyrin-associated-periodic-syndromes/>]

Cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes (CAPS) are a group of conditions that have overlapping signs and symptoms and the same genetic cause. Generally, CAPS are characterized by periodic episodes of skin rash, fever, and joint pain.

Familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome type 2 [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/familial-cold-autoinflammatory-syndrome-type-2/>]

Familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome type 2 is a condition that causes episodes of fever, skin rash, and joint pain. These episodes can be triggered by exposure to cold temperatures, or they may arise without warning, and they can last a few hours to several days.

August 24, 2021

Genetic Page Available in Spanish

A MedlinePlus Genetic page is now available in Spanish: How Genes Work

[<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/howgeneswork/>] (Cómo funcionan los genes)

[<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/comofuncionangenesis/>]

Curious about genes and how they work? Learn all about genes, proteins, cell division, and more.

August 12, 2021

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Ten new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/chorionic-villus-sampling-cvs/>]
- Rapid Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/rapid-tests/>]
- Sleep Study [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/sleep-study/>]
- Nonstress Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/nonstress-test/>]
- PCR Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/pcr-tests/>]
- IGF-1 (Insulin-like Growth Factor 1) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/igf-1-insulin-like-growth-factor-1-test/>]
- Growth Hormone Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/growth-hormone-tests/>]
- Renin Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/renin-test/>]
- G6PD Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/g6pd-test/>]
- Lactose Tolerance Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/lactose-tolerance-tests/>]

August 3, 2021

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Ten new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Tricyclic Antidepressant (TCA) Screen [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/tricyclic-antidepressant-tca-screen/>]
- Esophageal pH Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/esophageal-ph-test/>]
- PET Scan [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/pet-scan/>]
- Cold Stimulation Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/cold-stimulation-test/>]
- At-Home Medical Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/at-home-medical-tests/>]
- Pulse Oximetry [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/pulse-oximetry/>]
- Glucagon Blood Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/glucagon-blood-test/>]
- Alcohol Use Screening Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/alcohol-use-screening-tests/>]
- Drug Use Screening Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/drug-use-screening-tests/>]
- Developmental and Behavioral Screening Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/developmental-and-behavioral-screening-tests/>]

July 20, 2021

Genetic Page Available in Spanish

A MedlinePlus Genetic page is now available in Spanish: Variants and Health
[<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/mutationsanddisorders/>] (variantes y la salud)
[<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/variantesytrastornos/>]

Curious about gene mutations and how they impact health? Learn how different mutations affect health and development.

July 14, 2021

New Genetic Page

A new page has been added to MedlinePlus Genetics: What are the different types of genetic tests
[<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/testing/types/>]

Many types of genetic tests are available to analyze changes in genes, chromosomes, or proteins. A health care provider will consider several factors when selecting the appropriate test.

May 6, 2021

Genetic Page Available in Spanish

A MedlinePlus Genetic page is now available in Spanish: Cells and DNA
[<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/basics/>] (Células y ADN)
[<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/genetica/entender/basica/>]

Discover the basics of cells, DNA, genes, chromosomes and how they work.

April 16, 2021

New Genetic Page

A new page has been added to MedlinePlus Genetics: What are mRNA vaccines and how do they work?
[<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/understanding/therapy/mrnnavaccines/>]

Scientists have developed a new type of vaccine that uses a molecule called messenger RNA (or mRNA for short) rather than part of an actual bacteria or virus. mRNA vaccines work by introducing a piece of mRNA that corresponds to a viral protein. Using this mRNA blueprint, cells produce the viral protein, which triggers an immune response.

March 10, 2021

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Ten new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Antibiotic Sensitivity Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/antibiotic-sensitivity-test/>]
- Basic Metabolic Panel (BMP) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/basic-metabolic-panel-bmp/>]
- Catecholamine Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/catecholamine-tests/>]
- How to Cope with Medical Test Anxiety [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/how-to-cope-with-medical-test-anxiety/>]
- How to Prepare for a Lab Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/how-to-prepare-for-a-lab-test/>]
- How to Prepare Your Child for a Lab Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-a-lab-test/>]
- Measuring Blood Pressure [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/measuring-blood-pressure/>]
- Platelet Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/platelet-tests/>]
- What You Need to Know About Blood Testing [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/what-you-need-to-know-about-blood-testing/>]
- Xylose Testing [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/xylose-testing/>]

December 10, 2020

New Genetic Page

A new page has been added to MedlinePlus Genetics: Terminal osseous dysplasia
[<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/terminal-osseous-dysplasia/>]

Terminal osseous dysplasia is a disorder primarily involving skeletal abnormalities and certain skin changes. Explore symptoms, inheritance, genetics of this condition.

November 18, 2020

MedlinePlus Social Media Toolkit

MedlinePlus Social Media Toolkit is now available.

Share these MedlinePlus resources on your social media or other communication channels to connect your community to high-quality, relevant health and wellness information that is trusted and easy to understand, in both English and Spanish.

November 10, 2020

New Health Topics

Two new topics have been added to MedlinePlus:

COVID-19 Testing [<https://medlineplus.gov/covid19testing.html>]

Learn about the different types of tests for COVID-19, who needs a test, and how and where you can get a test.

COVID-19 Vaccines [<https://medlineplus.gov/covid19vaccines.html>]

Currently there is no approved vaccine for COVID-19 in the United States. Learn about the vaccines that are being developed and tested, and how you can enroll in a clinical trial.

October 27, 2020

New Genetic Pages

Two new pages have been added to MedlinePlus Genetics:

- MN1 gene [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/gene/mn1/>]
- MN1 C-terminal truncation syndrome [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/mn1-c-terminal-truncation-syndrome/>]

Learn about the signs and symptoms, causes, and inheritance of *MN1* C-terminal truncation syndrome and learn how changes in the *MN1* gene are related to this condition.

October 22, 2020

New Health Topic

A new topic has been added to MedlinePlus: Vaccine Safety [<https://medlineplus.gov/vaccinesafety.html>]

Vaccines protect you and your family from disease. Learn about vaccine safety in the United States. It includes a thorough process of testing and evaluating vaccines before they can be approved.

October 2, 2020

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Twelve new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Osmolality Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/osmolality-tests/>]
- Hysteroscopy [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/hysteroscopy/>]
- Sputum Culture [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/sputum-culture/>]
- Legionella Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/legionella-tests/>]
- Nasal Swab [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/nasal-swab/>]
- White Blood Count (WBC) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/white-blood-count-wbc/>]
- Rash Evaluation [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/rash-evaluation/>]
- Colposcopy [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/colposcopy/>]

- Barium Swallow [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/barium-swallow/>]
- Myelography [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/myelography/>]
- Fluoroscopy [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/fluoroscopy/>]
- Bronchoscopy and Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/bronchoscopy-and-bronchoalveolar-lavage-bal/>]

September 24, 2020

New Health Topic

A new topic has been added to MedlinePlus: Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Sanitizing [<https://medlineplus.gov/cleaningdisinfectingandsanitizing.html>]

To avoid becoming infected by germs from surfaces and objects, it is important to wash your hands often. It's also important to regularly clean and disinfect surfaces and objects. Learn the difference between cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing.

September 2, 2020

Genetics Home Reference has become part of MedlinePlus.

Information from Genetics Home Reference is now available in the “Genetics [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/>] ” section of MedlinePlus.

The Genetics Home Reference pages included in MedlinePlus cover more than 1,300 genetic conditions and 1,475 genes, all of the human chromosomes, and mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA). Also included is a richly illustrated genetics primer, Help Me Understand Genetics, which offers basic explanations of how genes work and how mutations cause disorders, as well as current information about genetic testing, gene therapy, genetics research, and precision medicine.

August 13, 2020

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Ten new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Complement Blood Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/complement-blood-test/>]
- Amniocentesis (amniotic fluid test) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/amniocentesis-amniotic-fluid-test/>]
- Anoscopy [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/anoscopy/>]
- Acetaminophen Level [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/acetaminophen-level/>]
- Salicylates Level [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/salicylates-level/>]
- Allergy Skin Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/allergy-skin-test/>]
- Gram Stain [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/gram-stain/>]
- Bone Density Scan [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/bone-density-scan/>]
- Respiratory Pathogens Panel [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/respiratory-pathogens-panel/>]
- Gamma-glutamyl Transferase (GGT) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/gamma-glutamyl-transferase-ggt-test/>]

June 27, 2020

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Ten new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Hemoglobin Electrophoresis [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/hemoglobin-electrophoresis/>]
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/obsessive-compulsive-disorder-ocd-test/>]
- MRSA Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/mrsa-tests/>]
- Prothrombin Time Test and INR (PT/INR) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/prothrombin-time-test-and-inr-ptinr/>]
- Synovial Fluid Analysis [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/synovial-fluid-analysis/>]
- CCP Antibody Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/ccp-antibody-test/>]
- DHEA Sulfate Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/dhea-sulfate-test/>]
- Methylmalonic Acid (MMA) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/methylmalonic-acid-mma-test/>]
- Haptoglobin (HP) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/haptoglobin-hp-test/>]
- Therapeutic Drug Monitoring [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/therapeutic-drug-monitoring/>]

May 27, 2020

New Health Topic Added

A new health topic has been added to MedlinePlus:

- Caregiver Health [<https://medlineplus.gov/caregiverhealth.html>]

May 5, 2020

New Health Topics Added

Two new health topics have been added to MedlinePlus:

- Older Adult Mental Health [<https://medlineplus.gov/olderadultmentalhealth.html>]
- Telehealth [<https://medlineplus.gov/telehealth.html>]

April 16, 2020

New Health Topic

A new topic has been added to MedlinePlus: How to Improve Mental Health
[<https://medlineplus.gov/howtoimprovementalhealth.html>]

March 20, 2020

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Nine new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Strep B Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/strep-b-test/>]
- Strep A Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/strep-a-test/>]
- Reticulocyte Count [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/reticulocyte-count/>]
- Iron Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/iron-tests/>]
- Immunofixation (IFE) Blood Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/protein-electrophoresis-by-immunofixation-blood-test/>]
- Panic Disorder Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/panic-disorder-test/>]

Electromyography (EMG) and Nerve Conduction Studies [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/electromyography-emg-and-nerve-conduction-studies/>]

- Free Light Chains [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/free-light-chains/>]
- D-Dimer Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/d-dimer-test/>]

February 25, 2020

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Ten new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Screening [https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/autism-spectrum-disorder-asd-screening/?_ga=2.32398718.1914680041.1582557731-1578233667.1566498884]
- Triiodothyronine (T3) Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/triiodothyronine-t3-tests/>]
- Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/alpha-1-antitrypsin-test/>]
- Acid-Fast Bacillus (AFB) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/acid-fast-bacillus-afb-tests/>]
- Electrolyte Panel [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/electrolyte-panel/>]
- Mononucleosis (Mono) Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/mononucleosis-mono-tests/>]
- Chicken Pox and Shingles Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/chickenpox-and-shingles-tests/>]
- Fall Risk Assessment [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/fall-risk-assessment/>]
- Prenatal Cell-Free DNA Screening [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/prenatal-cell-free-dna-screening/>]
- Suicide Risk Screening [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/suicide-risk-screening/>]

February 20, 2020

New Coronavirus Testing Page

Concerned about a coronavirus? Find out when you may need testing, what happens during a test, and what the results may mean with our new Coronavirus Testing page.

January 30, 2020

Coronavirus Information Updated

The health topic Coronavirus Infections has been updated and includes new CDC information about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

December 10, 2019

New Health Topic

A new topic has been added to MedlinePlus: HIV: PrEP and PEP [<https://medlineplus.gov/hivprepandpep.html>]

PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) and PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis) are HIV prevention methods where medicines are prescribed before (pre) or post (after) there is exposure to HIV. Discover more about treatment as prevention.

December 4, 2019

PDF Fact Sheet Added

The new Learn about MedlinePlus page [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/general/aboutmedlineplus/>] is now available in a printable PDF Fact Sheet [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/aboutmedlineplus.pdf>] .

November 19, 2019

Spanish Health Topic Added

The health topic, Hidradenitis Suppurativa [<https://medlineplus.gov/hidradenitissuppurativa.html>] , is now available in Spanish: Hidradenitis supurativa [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/hidradenitissuppurativa.html>]

November 13, 2019

MedlinePlus Has Retired the How to Write Easy-to-Read Health Materials page in English and Spanish.

Guides for creating health materials for a general audience are available from the National Institutes of Health, the HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and others. We encourage you to explore these resources via the MedlinePlus topic on Health Literacy [<https://medlineplus.gov/healthliteracy.html>] .

November 8, 2019

About MedlinePlus: New and Updated Information

We have expanded and updated our information about MedlinePlus [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/>] ! Highlights include:

- New pages for general information about MedlinePlus [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/general/>] , using MedlinePlus [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/using/>] , and information for web developers [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/developers/>] .
- A message from NLM Director Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan
- A new overview of MedlinePlus [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/general/aboutmedlineplus/>] (with a printable PDF version coming soon)
- New citation format examples [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/using/citation/>]
- Updated guidelines for selection of links [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/using/criteria/>] for MedlinePlus
- Updated resources for trainers and librarians [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/using/training/>]
- Expanded guidelines for linking to and using content from MedlinePlus [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/using/usingcontent/>]
- More information about how content on MedlinePlus is reviewed and updated [<https://medlineplus.gov/about/general/reviewandupdate/>]

To streamline this area of MedlinePlus, we have discontinued the FAQs, awards and recognition page, milestones page, bibliography, and MedlinePlus tour. When applicable, these links have been redirected to related content on MedlinePlus.

As always, we welcome your feedback. Please use the “Customer Support” button at the top of any page to submit a comment or question.

October 3, 2019

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Three new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus

- Obesity Screening [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/obesity-screening/>]
- Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies (ANCA) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/antineutrophil-cytoplasmic-antibodies-anca-test/>]
- Opioid Testing [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/opioid-testing/>]

September 27, 2019

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Fifteen new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/lactate-dehydrogenase-ldh-test/>]
- Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH) Isoenzymes Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/lactate-dehydrogenase-ldh-isoenzymes-test/>]
- Ammonia Levels [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/ammonia-levels/>]
- Prolactin Levels [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/prolactin-levels/>]
- Ceruloplasmin Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/ceruloplasmin-test/>]
- Natriuretic Peptide Tests (BNP, NT-proBNP) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/natriuretic-peptide-tests-bnp-nt-probnp/>]
- Parathyroid Hormone (PTH) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/parathyroid-hormone-PTH-test/>]
- Lactic Acid Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/lactate-test/>]
- 17-Hydroxyprogesterone [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/17-hydroxyprogesterone/>]
- Smooth Muscle Antibody (SMA) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/smooth-muscle-antibody-sma-test/>]
- Cord Blood Testing and Banking [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/cord-blood-testing-and-banking/>]
- Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (CMP) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/comprehensive-metabolic-panel-cmp/>]
- Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone (ACTH) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/adrenocorticotrophic-hormone-acth/>]
- Liver Function Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/liver-function-tests/>]
- Creatinine Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/creatinine-test/>]

September 13, 2019

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Five new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Helicobacter Pylori (H. Pylori) Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/helicobacter-pylori-h-pylori-tests/>]
- C. Diff Testing [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/c-diff-testing/>]
- Pleural Fluid Analysis [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/pleural-fluid-analysis/>]
- Follicle-Stimulating Hormone (FSH) Levels Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/follicle-stimulating-hormone-fsh-levels-test/>]

August 30, 2019

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Five new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus:

- Magnesium Blood Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/magnesium-blood-test/>]
- Creatine Kinase [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/creatine-kinase/>]
- Phosphate in Blood [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/phosphate-in-blood/>]
- Troponin Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/troponin-test/>]
- Ova and Parasite Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/ova-and-parasite-test/>]

August 28, 2019

Health Topics Name Changes

The following health topics have new topic names:

- Drug Abuse → Drug Use and Addiction [<https://medlineplus.gov/druguseandaddiction.html>]
- Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse → Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) [<https://medlineplus.gov/alcoholusedisorderaud.html>]
- Pregnancy and Substance Abuse → Pregnancy and Drug Use [<https://medlineplus.gov/pregnancyanddruguse.html>]
- Prescription Drug Abuse → Prescription Drug Misuse [<https://medlineplus.gov/prescriptiondrugmisuse.html>]
- Opioid Abuse and Addiction → Opioid Misuse and Addiction [<https://medlineplus.gov/opioidmisuseandaddiction.html>]
- Opioid Abuse and Addiction Treatment → Opioid Misuse and Addiction Treatment [<https://medlineplus.gov/opioidmisuseandaddictiontreatment.html>]

August 22, 2019

New Medical Tests Added to MedlinePlus

Ten new medical tests are now available on MedlinePlus

- Aldosterone test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/aldosterone-test/>]
- Hearing Tests for Adults [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/hearing-tests-for-adults/>]
- Hearing Tests for Children [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/hearing-tests-for-children/>]
- Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/glomerular-filtration-rate-gfr-test/>]
- Balance Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/balance-tests/>]
- Videoonystagmography (VNG) [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/videoonystagmography-vng/>]
- Burn Evaluation [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/burn-evaluation/>]
- Malaria Tests [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/malaria-tests/>]
- Neurological Exam [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/neurological-exam/>]
- Trichomoniasis Test [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/trichomoniasis-test/>]

August 15, 2019

New Page on MedlinePlus for All of Us Research Program Participants

Current and future participants of the NIH All of Us Research Program can now access trusted, understandable health information from MedlinePlus all in one place [<https://medlineplus.gov/allofus.html>] .

August 14, 2019

Welcome to the What's New page

This page will provide regular information about news, changes, and updates to MedlinePlus.