Biology: Science Issues and Health Topics
Pathfinder

Check out our library’s databases first!! They have tons of reliable information about your topics, including PRINT SOURCES like magazine articles and articles from books, as well as multimedia content (video, images, etc.). Databases are the next best thing to books.

Gale
Includes two databases:
1. Student Resource Center
   a. general topics
2. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center
   a. debatable issues, exploring different sides of various issues (for controversial topics)

**To logon, go to http://infotrac.galegroup.com/default
Username and password information is available at the circulation desk in the library.

A Hint About Searching for General Websites
You can specify with Google which domains you want the search engine to return (.gov or .edu., for example).

Just click the little link to the right of the search bar that says, “Advanced Search.” Then, at the bottom of the search box is a place you can type in which domain(s) you want Google to search.

General Health Websites
1. Center for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/

2. U.S. Food and Drug Administration: http://www.fda.gov/


   a. Includes…
   i. Medical Dictionary:
   ii. Medical Encyclopedia:

   a. Includes 4 websites addressing general health issues and drugs.
   i. http://www.webmd.com/

   a. Focus on children and teens

   a. Focus on newborn health issues

8. UCSF Children’s Hospital: http://www.ucsfchildrenshospital.org/conditions/index.html
   a. Focus on newborn and children’s health issues

Cancer
1. Inside Cancer: http://www.insidecancer.org/


Heart Disease, Stroke, Blood Pressure
1. American Heart Association: http://www.americanheart.org/


3. PBS’s Nova episode “Cut to the Heart”: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/heart/

4. The Heart Truth: http://www.4woman.gov/hearttruth/

5. Heart and Stroke Foundation: http://www.heartandstroke.com/

6. CardioSmart: http://www.cardiosmart.org/

Diabetes


5. Diabetes Research Institute: 
   [http://www.diabetesresearch.org/DiabetesEducationandManagement/ManagementandEducationMain.htm](http://www.diabetesresearch.org/DiabetesEducationandManagement/ManagementandEducationMain.htm)

**Asthma**


2. Teen Asthma: [http://www.teenasthma.ca/index.jsp](http://www.teenasthma.ca/index.jsp)

3. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: 

4. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: 
   [http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/conditions/asthma/index.cfm](http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/conditions/asthma/index.cfm)

   a. An exhibition that examines the history of asthma, the experiences of people with asthma, and efforts to understand the disease.

**Environmental Issues/Global Warming/Pollution**

   a. Search for “global warming” in the search box.

2. Environmental Defense Fund’s “Fight Global Warming” Program: 


**Mental Health Issues**

   a. Click the “Topic Finder” at the top of the page for a quick view of basic mental health subjects, or type in your issue in the search bar.


5. World Health Organization (WHO) Mental Health Topics
   a. Mental Disorders: http://www.who.int/topics/mental_disorders/en/
   b. Mental Health: http://www.who.int/topics/mental_health/en/

7. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Mental Health: http://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/

8. BBC Health: Mental Health: http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/conditions/mental_health/index.shtml


10. California Department of Mental Health: http://www.dmh.ca.gov/default.asp
     a. Check out the “Links” and “Mental Health Resources” tabs

Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate
1. American Academy of Otolaryngology:
   http://www.entnet.org/HealthInformation/cleftLipPalate.cfm


3. FamilyDoctor.org (partner of KidsHealth.org):
   http://kidshealth.org/PageManager.jsp?dn=familydoctor&lic=44&article_set=22974#


5. Children’s Hospital of St. Louis’s Pediatric Cleft Palate Institute:
   http://www.stlouischildrens.org/content/medservices/cleftpalateandcraniofacialinstitute.htm

Parkinson’s Disease
1. Parkinson’s Disease Foundation: http://www.pdf.org/


3. Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s: http://www.michaeljfox.org/

4. PBS’s Frontline Episode “My Father, My Brother, and Me”:
   http://video.pbs.org/video/1082086931
      a. This is an episode of PBS’s Frontline program.