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## URL

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/encyclopedia.html>

## Subject

Medicine - Encyclopedias

## Accessibility

Free

## Language

English.

## Publisher

A.D.A.M. Inc.

## Scope and Coverage

MedlinePlus is a free website that provides consumer health information for patients, families, and health care providers. MedlinePlus brings together quality information from the United States National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), other U.S. government agencies, and health-related organizations. The U.S. National Library of Medicine produces and maintains MedlinePlus.

Medical Encyclopedia of Medline Plus includes over 6,860 articles about diseases, tests, symptoms, injuries, and surgeries. It

also contains an extensive library of medical photographs and illustrations.

***Kind of Information***

The **Medical Encyclopedia** collection contains articles and images on hundreds of diseases and conditions.

As for example the term “Malaria” provides an encyclopedia entry with the following information:

- Causes
- Symptoms
- Exams and Tests
- Treatment
- Outlook (Prognosis)
- Possible Complications
- When to Contact a Medical Professional
- Prevention
- Alternative Names

The article provides related images with information. It also includes the references, last update date with author. It also includes related articles on that topic.

There is another medical term named “Obesity” which includes following information on obesity with references and last update date:

- Causes
- Exams and Tests
- Treatment
- Support Groups
- Possible Complications
- Alternative Names

It also includes coloured images and related articles.

***Special Features***

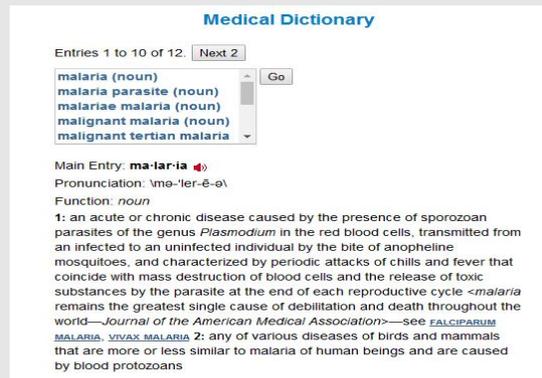
Within this website one can get encyclopedic articles on various health diseases along with following collections of information:

- **Games** – to boost the health knowledge by playing interactive health games.

- **Health Check Tools** – Quizzes, calculators, self-

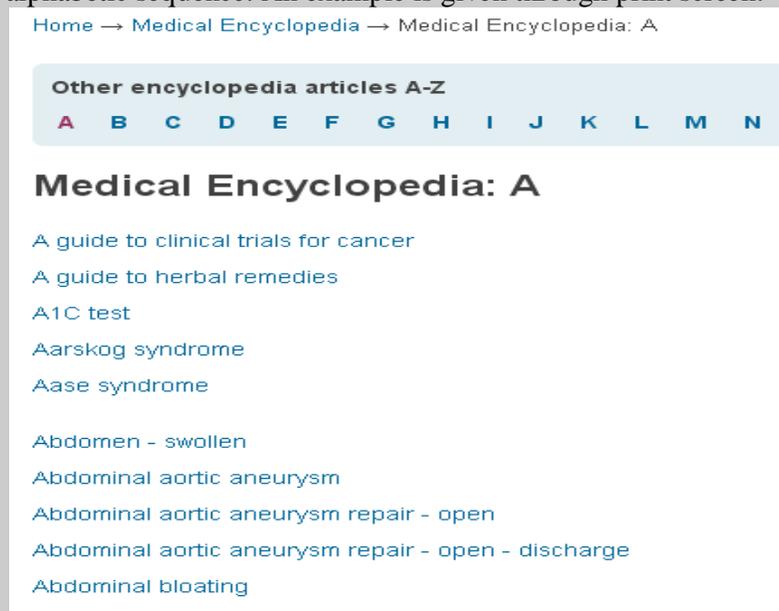
assessments, and decision guides to check knowledge and health status.

- **Drug Information** – Prescription and over-the-counter medicines.
- **Herbs and Supplements** – Evidence-based information about herbs and supplements.
- **News** – The latest health news, also available arranged by date and health topic.
- **Surgery Videos** – Links to pre-recorded webcasts of surgical procedures.
- **Health Videos** – See the anatomy of body parts and organ systems and how diseases and conditions affect them.
- **Multiple Languages** – Health information in languages other than English.
  
- **NIH MedlinePlus the Magazine** – A publication of the National Institutes of Health and the Friends of the National Library of Medicine.
- **To Your Health: NLM update** – A weekly audio update that highlights consumer health news and information from MedlinePlus.
- **Directories** – Find doctors, dentists and hospitals.
- **Libraries** – Consumer health libraries providing services to local residents
- **Organizations** – A collection of organizations providing health information, also available arranged by topic.
  
- MedlinePlus also includes a **medical dictionary** from Merriam-Webster where one can type the word and can find the meaning of that word. By typing one term the dictionary provides definitions and other information about with that term along with other related terms. As for example, the dictionary provides information about the term Malaria with other related terms by the following:



- The encyclopedic article can be translated into Spanish language.
- The article provides facilities to share the article through print, mail, social networking sites like facebook, Twitter etc.

**Arrangement Pattern** All the articles are arranged under A-Z alphabets on the first page of the site. Under any alphabet the articles are arranged in alphabetic sequence. An example is given through print screen:



The list of all articles is found by clicking the “GO” button of the search bar (print screen).

**Refine by Type**
**All Results** (39,876)

 **Health Topics** (882)

 **External Health Links** (17,947)

 **Drugs and Supplements** (1,586)

 **Medical Encyclopedia** (6,464)

 **Videos and Tutorials** (486)

 **News** (682)

 **MedlinePlus Magazine** (1,066)

 **Other Resources** (1,819)

 **Multiple Languages** (394)

Results 1 - 10 of 6,860 for

1. How to measure peak flow (image)  
2325 ... www.nlm.nih.gov ... Move the marker to the bottom of the numbered scale. Stand up straight. Take a deep breath. Fill your lungs all ...  
<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/patientimages/000116.htm> - Medical Encyclopedia
2. Asthma control drugs (image)  
910 ... www.nlm.nih.gov ... Control drugs for asthma must be taken everyday in order for them to work. ... 910 ... www.nlm.nih.gov ... Control drugs for asthma ...  
<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/patientimages/000260.htm> - Medical Encyclopedia
3. Asthma quick relief drugs (image)  
1154 ... www.nlm.nih.gov ... Asthma quick-relief drugs work fast to control asthma symptoms. You take them when you are coughing, wheezing, ...  
<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/patientimages/000261.htm> - Medical Encyclopedia
4. Stump care (image)  
994 ... www.nlm.nih.gov ... Lie on your stomach 3 or 4 times a day for about 20 minutes. Lying on your stomach will help stretch out your hip ...  
<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/patientimages/000139.htm> - Medical Encyclopedia

### Remarks

This encyclopedia provides good amount of quality information on medicine. Detailed articles on various diseases really make this encyclopedia a treasure house of medical science. Various links to medical dictionary, directory etc. adding additional features to it only enhances the compass of this encyclopedia.

### Comparable Tools

- Health Encyclopedia - University of Rochester Medical Center (<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/encyclopedia.aspx>)
- WebMD.com (<http://www.webmd.com/a-to-z-guides/common-topics/d.htm>)
- Medicine Online (<http://www.medicineonline.com/>)
- Images.md : The Online Encyclopedia of Medical Science ( <http://images.md/>)
- Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page))
- Britannica.com (<http://www.britannica.com/>)
- Encyclopedia.com ( <http://www.encyclopedia.com/>)

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