Respiratory Therapy
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Websites

AC Respiratory Care Department—recommended links.

Asthma Care Practice Guidelines—Multiple links and resources from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Heart Lung and Blood Institute of the National Health Institutes web page.

Equipment Standards for Emergency and Disaster First Responders—including air purifiers and breathing apparatus, from U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Guidelines for Prevention of Nosocomial Pneumonia—Centers for Disease Control guidelines address the prevention of bacterial pneumonia in mechanically ventilated and/or critically ill patients, care of respiratory-therapy devices, prevention of cross-contamination, and prevention of viral lower respiratory tract infections.

Health Image Library from Centers for Disease Control

How to read a research article—article in Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing advises clinicians how to read a research article.

Indoor Air Quality—A to Z topics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Lung and Breathing Topics—MedlinePlus evaluated sources on a variety of conditions.

Lung Diseases Information for Health Care Professionals—National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC)—has links to examinations, credentials, and licensing.

Occupational Health for Healthcare Providers—sources about screening and prevention of accidents and infections, coping with shift work and stress, procedures to avoid needlestick, safe patient transport methods, dealing with hazardous material and more.

Respiratory and Immunologic Conditions—Medical Fact Sheets created by the National Jewish Medical and Research Center.
AC Library Databases

Health Reference Center Academic—provides searchable full text information from medical reference books and articles from refereed periodical literature including full text of journals such as Medical Laboratory Observer, Hematology Week, and Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine.

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition—provides articles from more than 500 scholarly full text and abstracted journals focusing on many medical disciplines. Also contains a medical dictionary.

CINAHL—Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines. Contains abstracts or full text, depending on the publisher.

STAT!Ref—is an electronic medical library that enables users to cross-search more than 35 full text medical reference and textbooks covering physiology, pharmacology, internal medicine, obstetrics, psychiatry, pediatrics, urology, dermatology, geriatrics, emergency medicine and more.

Electronic Books

Note: There are a number of books on this topic in the EBSCO eBooks database. These are just a few samples. Please log in using your WebAdvisor ID and password.


Print Books

Librarians can help students identify suitable books for assignments. You can save time by seeking their assistance.

Washington Street Campus

Walk-in assistance: Go to the second floor of Lynn Library. Use the telephone located on the small table near the main computer sign-in desk to call the research help number, which is posted. The librarian on duty will respond.

Assistance by appointment: Call 371-5403 or 345-5582 to make an appointment for uninterrupted individual help.

Assistance by telephone: Call 371-5468 or toll-free 866-371-5468.

West Campus

Note: The West Campus Library specializes in nursing, allied health, criminal justice, child development, and mortuary science.

Walk-in assistance: Go to the AC area of the Amarillo Public Library Northwest Branch, which is located in the southeast corner of the AC West Campus (closest to Bell Street). (The AC area is located in the back right-hand corner of the building.) The AC librarian on duty will assist you. You will need a valid library card to check out a book. Call 371-5400 for information about how to obtain a library card.
**Assistance by telephone:** Call 356-3627.

**Print Periodicals**

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