Physician Assistant Resource Guide

Free Medical Database Searching

Library Resources:

- **AccessMedicine** – is a comprehensive online medical resource that contains textbooks, multimedia, a differential diagnoses tool and more
- **ClinicalKey** – is a clinical resource containing medical and surgical content contained in both journals and books
- **Consumer Health Complete** (EBSCO) – covers many health and medical topics, including diseases, conditions, and drugs
- **Prehospital Emergency Care** – publishes peer-reviewed information relevant to the practice, educational advancement, and investigation of prehospital emergency care
- **PubMed** – citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books
- **Science Direct** – medical and scientific articles from peer-reviewed journals

Other Online Resources:

- **ClinicalTrials.gov** - a registry and results database of publicly and privately supported clinical studies of human participants conducted around the world
- **Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)** - online directory that indexes and provides access to quality open access, peer-reviewed journals
- **FDA Drug Approvals and Database** – Information on Drug Approvals
- **HealthFinder.gov** – resources on a wide range of health topics selected from approximately 1,400 government and non-profit organizations
- **Physician Data Query (PDQ)** – NCI’s comprehensive cancer database containing summaries on a wide range of cancer topics; a registry of 8,000+ open and 19,000+ closed cancer clinical trials from around the world
- **Trip** – clinical search engine designed to allow users to quickly and easily find and use high-quality research evidence to support their practice and/or care

Books

**The PA Program Manual** recommends these resources in addition to required course materials:

- CURRENT Diagnosis and Treatment series*
- Fitzpatrick’s Color Atlas & Synopsis of Clinical Dermatology*
- Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* or Goldman’s Cecil Medicine**
- Ferri’s Clinical Advisor**
- The Harriet Lane Handbook**
- Physical Exam of the Spine and Extremities, Hoppenfeld M.D. Revised 8/15/2017 Page 10***
- The Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics***
- The Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy Tarascon Pocket Pharmacopeia, Epocrates or other medication reference***
● Dubin’s Rapid Interpretation of EKG’s
*Available on Access Medicine
**Available on Clinical Key
***Use Prospector to place an interlibrary loan request to your nearest public library (i.e. Jefferson Public Library)

Academic Journals at RRCC
● List of Health and Medicine Journals
● List of Pharmacy and Pharmacology Journals

To search for full text articles within each journal, type keywords into search bar next to “Full Text:” directly under the title of the journal, or to search by publication year and volume number select blue Full Text Access link and then the first database (Academic Search Complete in the example below):

American Medical Association Citations
● Purdue OWL’s: Guide to AMA Style

AMA End-of-text citation example:

Professional Organizations
● The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)
● Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA)
● National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
● Also supported by
  ○ American Medical Association (AMA)
  ○ American College of Surgeons
  ○ American Academy of Family Physicians
- American College of Physicians