

Comparison of Online Resources for Patient Education Handouts

	Searching for specific handouts	Particular audience for handouts	Customization and non-English languages	Unique feature of this resource
Patient Education Institute Tutorials & Handouts	Keyword; browse; can limit to category (medical specialty)	Relatively low reading level	Non-customizable; most available in Spanish	Flash based online tutorials with audio .
Lexi-Comp Online - includes PediPals & Health-PALS	Keyword; can limit search term to specific subtopic; can browse individual databases (e.g. Pediatric Lexi-Drugs)	Adult and pediatric	Some customization; some handouts only available in English, others in many languages	Multiple languages in addition to Spanish. Handouts written for parents.
Clin-eguide – McKesson & MedFacts handouts	Keyword and natural language; browse by topic	Adult, pediatric, seniors, women	Minimal customization; some handouts available in Spanish	
MDConsult Patient Education	Keyword; browse by topic or category	Adult, pediatric, seniors, women	Non-customizable; Spanish available for key topics	Includes Well-Connected & DynoMed.
Micromedex Care Notes & Drug Notes	Keyword; browse care and condition titles alphabetically or by category; browse drug titles alphabetically; can create hot lists of most-used handouts.	Care and condition titles include gerontology and pediatrics; several categories of handouts (Precare, DrugNotes, etc.)	Highly customizable; all handouts available in Spanish	Includes Laboratory Tests handouts.
MedlinePlus	Can search or browse	Many special categories by gender, age, ethnic group, literacy level, and so on	Non-customizable; some handouts available in Spanish	Senior Health website, surgery videos, encyclopedia.
Natural Standard	Keyword; organized by topic.	Men, women, children, adolescent, seniors	Non-customizable; English only	Alternative & Complementary Medicine.