

# Web Sitings

## All About Alzheimer Disease

Looking for an easy to navigate, informative web site to help educate your patients and their families about Alzheimer disease? Check out Alzinfo ([www.alzinfo.org](http://www.alzinfo.org)). Funded by the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, this site is designed to inform by supplying general facts and breaking news. The site's "News" section offers advice on preventing the disease and caring for people who have it, information about new Alzheimer drugs and treatments, and descriptions of recent research into the disease's causes and detection.

Site users also can locate a variety of services related to the disease—from physicians to rehabilitation facilities to funeral homes. Furthermore, by clicking on "Community," patients can connect with others who have similar interests through message boards and chat rooms. Internship and volunteer opportunities with the Fisher Center Foundation can be found in the "Get Involved" section. The site also offers free access to special chat events, in which participants can ask questions of leading experts in the field.

## Geriatric Nursing Knowledge

As joint partners in the Nurse Competence in Aging initiative, the American Nurses Association, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, and the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing offer a web site ([www.geronurseonline.org](http://www.geronurseonline.org)) that is designed to fill the gaps in geriatric nursing knowledge. To achieve its goal—providing current, best practice information—the site is equipped to search by specific geriatric topics (such as advance directives, pain, and sexu-

ality issues) or by specialty nursing associations. The latter search function provides information on publications, position statements, and learning tools.

A "Need Help Stat" tool allows you to identify a patient problem (such as an abrupt change in mental status) and offers several possible causes to consider—plus quick-use assessment instruments. From this point, you can click on the "Want to Know More" tab for further, in-depth information, or the "Topic Resource" tab, which will direct you to journal articles and other resources for additional research. You even can create your own log-in page to save topics of interest.

Also provided are descriptions of different geriatric nursing careers, as well as information on becoming a certified gerontological nurse.

## A Fresh Biomedical Technology Resource

As one of the newest National Institutes of Health research centers, the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) supports basic research and research training through investigator-initiated grants, contracts, program project and center grants, and career development and training awards. The web site ([www.nibib.nih.gov](http://www.nibib.nih.gov)) offers detailed information about areas for investigative and funding opportunities.

Those interested in receiving financial resources from the NIBIB can search the extensive grant opportunities database, read through the policies for researchers, and browse the informative grant application process section. Valuable information about the institute's funding policy for fiscal year 2006 and the special considerations



it takes into account when awarding money is included.

The site also serves as a showcase for the work of current NIBIB grantees. Summaries of published research studies that have led to improvements in health are located in the "e-Advances" section (found by clicking on "Publications and Features" in the "Health and Education" section), and crisp snapshots of images from the studies pepper the home page. A collection of these images, along with brief descriptions, is found in the "Picture Gallery."

In addition, your patients and their families can take advantage of the site's offerings by surfing to the "Health and Education" section and clicking on "Science Education." Resources for children, students, parents, and teachers are provided on such topics as the history of biomedical imaging and painless drug delivery. Students even can find links to other web sites that are running science competitions. Glossaries also are available to help users understand the terminology. ●

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