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Browsing on MD Consult

On MD Consult, you are not only able to *search* our content, you can also browse through the variety of content available. If you know what piece of content you are looking for, you can easily access that content by browsing. The types of content available on MD Consult include reference books, journals, The Clinics, patient education, drug information, news, images, practice guidelines, and continuing medical education (CME).

Browsing of any content begins by selecting the content type from the Navigation Bar (eg Books, Patient Education). You will then be shown either a list of content or an alphabetical index.

Other Frequently Used Browsing and Navigational Tools on MD Consult Are:

- Tabs for viewing different versions of a list or content
- +/- (plus/minus) symbols to expand/collapse contents and indexes
- Close/Open links to hide Contents/Index columns
- Next/Previous arrows to move to the next Web page or search results page
- Full Text, Abstract, and PDF links to view a specific format of the content
- Hyperlinks

Content Availability

The specific content available to you is dependent on the MD Consult product(s) included in your [subscription](#).

You can browse Books, Patient Education, Drugs, News, and Guidelines. CME is available to users with personal accounts (ie, those having a user name and password).

Journal and The Clinics browsing is available to some accounts.

Browsing First Consult

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First Consult is an authoritative evidence-based and continuously updated clinical information resource for health care professionals. Designed for use at point of care, it provides instant, user-friendly access to the latest information on evaluation, diagnosis, clinical management, prognosis, and prevention.

- Medical Topics are First Consult's comprehensive database of clinically compiled information on patient evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, tests, prevention, and much more.
- Differential Diagnoses provide a rapid evaluation of your patient's symptom with interactive access to potential diagnoses ordered by age and prevalence.
- Procedures provide clear systematic guidance- including videos and medical animations- of procedures integral to the practice of medicine across many specialties.

Browsing First Consult Medical Topics

Medical Topics constitute the heart of First Consult, providing comprehensive coverage of hundreds of medical conditions, from evaluation and diagnosis to treatment and management, backed up by evidence and detailed references.

After you have selected a medical topic, the information presented to you on the page can include the following: summary, background, treatment, outcomes, prevention, and resources. For each Medical Topic, the amount and type of information that is available will vary.

To Browse First Consult Medical Topics by Name

1. Click the First Consult link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Medical Topics tab (default view).
3. Click a letter to view Medical Topics that begin with that letter.
4. Select a Medical Topic from the list.
5. The Medical Topic is displayed.

To Browse a Specific Section of a First Consult Medical Topic

1. Click a link in the left column to go directly to a specific section of the medical topic.
 - The selected content will be displayed on the right.

To Open or Close the First Consult Medical Topic Left Column

- Click the Close link in the top right of the left column to hide the column.
OR
- Click the Open link at the top left of the Web page to reopen the left column.

To View the Detailed Information on a First Consult Medical Topic's Differential Diagnosis or Tests Sections

1. Click on the plus symbol.
OR
2. Click on a title link for a specific differential diagnosis or test.
 - The detailed information for the differential diagnosis or test is displayed.

3. Click on the minus symbol.
- OR
4. Click on a title link for a specific differential diagnosis or test.
 - The detailed information will be collapsed.

To View the First Consult Medical Topic Evidence-Based Medicine References

The letters EBM appearing alongside a heading means there are graded evidence summaries and references to accompany the content.

1. Click the Evidence References icon.
 - A small window will pop up with the citations for the evidence references.
2. Click the Close Window link to exit the EBM References.

To View the First Consult Medical Topic Full-Size Images

1. Click on the thumbnail of an image.
 - The full-size image will be displayed.
2. Click on the Return link at the top or bottom of the image.
 - The Medical Topic will be displayed.

To View Information about First Consult Contributors and Our Authoring Process

1. Click on the contributor link at the top of the Medical Topic,
 - Contributors names located at the end of the Medical Topic are displayed.
2. Click on a contributor name.
 - Information about our authoring process will be displayed.

Browsing First Consult Differential Diagnoses

The Differential Diagnoses files allow you to work back from signs and symptoms, or chief complaints, to more than 1,800 individual diagnoses, all of which are summarized for rapid review.

By selecting a chief complaint, you will be presented with a diagnostic table. The diagnostic tables are sorted by age and prevalence from most to least common. Items displayed with asterisks (*) should be ruled out immediately.

To Browse First Consult Differential Diagnoses by Name

1. Click the First Consult link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Differential Diagnoses tab.
3. Click a letter to view differential diagnoses that begin with that letter.
4. Select a symptom from the list.
5. The differential diagnosis for the selected symptom is displayed

To Browse a First Consult Differential Diagnosis for a Chief Complaint

1. Click on the title link for a chief complaint.
 - Conditions with this complaint are displayed.
 - The conditions are sorted by age and prevalence from most to least common. The age ranges displayed are as follows: baby, child, adolescent, adult, middle age, and senior adult.
 - Conditions with asterisks (*) should be ruled out urgently.
2. Click on a title link for a condition.

- The clinical features for the condition are displayed.
- If a First Consult Medical Topic is available for the condition, a link will be displayed at the bottom of the clinical features list.

To Compare First Consult Clinical Features for a Specific Condition

1. Click on the All link below a specific age category within a list of conditions associated with a particular chief complaint.

OR

2. Select multiple check boxes for conditions identified for a specific age.
3. Click on the Compare button.
 - The clinical features for all of the conditions selected are displayed.
 - The conditions are displayed by age and then by prevalence from most to least common. The age ranges displayed are as follows: baby, child, adolescent, adult, middle age, and senior adult.
 - Conditions with asterisks (*) should be ruled out urgently.
 - If a First Consult Medical Topic is available for the condition, a link will be displayed at the bottom of the clinical features list.

To Browse a Specific Section of the Clinical Features Page

1. Click a link in the left column to go directly to a specific section of the clinical features.
 - The selected content will be displayed on the right.

To Open or Close the Clinical Features Page Left Column

- Click the Close link in the top right of the left column to hide the column.
- OR
- Click the Open link at the top left of the Web page to reopen the left column.

To View Information about First Consult Contributors and Our Authoring Process

1. Click on the Contributors to Differential Diagnoses link at the bottom of the Differential Diagnosis page,
 - Information about our authoring process will be displayed.

Browsing First Consult Procedures

Procedure topics provide systematic guidance on surgical and diagnostic procedures commonly performed in an inpatient or outpatient setting. Procedure articles feature video clips, still images, animations, and illustrations, as well as step-by-step action points in accompanying text.

To Browse First Consult Procedures by Name

1. Click the First Consult link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Procedures tab.
3. Click a letter to view procedures that begin with that letter.
4. Select a procedure from the list.
5. The procedure is displayed

To Browse a Specific Section of a First Consult Procedure

1. Click a link in the left column to go directly to a specific section of the medical topic.

- The selected content will be displayed on the right.

To Open or Close the First Consult Procedure's Left Column

- Click the Close link in the top right of the left column to hide the column.
- OR
- Click the Open link at the top left of the Web page to reopen the left column.

To View a First Consult Procedure Video

1. Click on the video title link at the top of the procedure.
- OR
2. Click on the video title link in the procedure's Key Steps.

To View the First Consult Procedure's Evidence-Based Medicine References

The letters EBM appear alongside a heading means there are graded evidence summaries and references to accompany the content.

1. Click the EBM icon.
 - A small window will pop-up with the citations for the evidence references.
2. Click the Close Window to exit the EBM References.

To View Information about First Consult Contributors and Our Authoring Process

1. Click on the contributor link at the top of the Procedure.
 - Contributors' names located at the end of the Procedure are displayed.
2. Click on a contributor name.
 - Information about our authoring process will be displayed.



Browsing Books

Browsing the Booklist

Browsing a Book

After you have selected your book, you can browse through the book using the Contents tab, Index tab, or next/previous arrows.

Browsing and Navigational Tools Found in Books Are:

- Tabs for viewing different versions of a list or content.
-  /  (plus/minus) symbols to expand/collapse contents and indexes.
- Close/Open links to collapse/expand the Content and Index columns.
- Next/Previous arrows to move to the next Web page or search results page.
- Hyperlinks
- [Searching within the book](#)

Browsing the Booklist




MD Consult provides you with quick, easy access to the most respected medical references. You can browse our books alphabetically by the authors' last name or by medical specialty.

To Browse the Booklist:




1. Click the Books link on the Navigation Bar.
2. Click the tab you would like to browse.
 - Alphabetically (default view)OR
 - (Medical) Specialties
3. Click a book title to open the book.

Browsing a Book

To Browse Book Contents:

1. Select the Contents tab on the left.
2. To open a topic/category, select the  (plus) symbol.
 - There may be several levels of  /  (plus/minus) symbols before you reach the lowest level of topics/categories.
 - The lowest level is indicated by a small bullet. ■
3. After you have located the topic/category you are looking for, select the link (topic title) and the content will be displayed on the right.

To Browse the Book Index:

1. Select the Index tab.
2. To open a topic/category, select the  (plus) symbol.
 - There may be several levels of  /  (plus/minus) symbols before you reach the lowest level of topics/categories.
 - The lowest level is indicated by a small bullet. ■

3. After you have located the topic/category you are looking for, select the link (topic title) and the content will be displayed on the right.

To Browse to the Next/Previous Web Page of a Book:

1. Click the Next link found in the upper or bottom right of the Web page to move to the next Web page.
2. Click the Previous link found in the upper or bottom right of the Web page to move to the previous Web page.

Note: MD Consult Web pages may contain more or less than one page of the printed text.

To Open or Close the Books Left Column:

- Click the Close link in the top right of the left column to hide the column.
- Click the Open link at the top left of the Web page to reopen the left column.

Browsing Journals

Browsing Journal Articles

Whether you searched for an article or browsed to an article, your view of the article is the same. After selecting an article, you can view the following (if available):

- Abstract of the article
- Full-Text article
- PDF of the article
- Clinics article
- *Year Book* articles
- *Find Similar Articles* - Clicking the Find Similar Articles link generates a journal search based on the subject(s) in the article.

Open or Close the left column to view more content on the page at one time.

To Browse a Journal Article:

1. Click the title to view the article.
2. Click the Full-Text, Citation, Abstract, or PDF links to view the article in a different format.
 - The text will be displayed on the right.

To Open or Close the Journal Article Left Column:

- Click the Close link in the top right of the left column to hide the column.
OR
- Click the Open link at the top left of the Web page to reopen the left column.

Browsing The Clinics

Browsing Clinics Articles

Whether you searched for an article or browsed to an article, your view of the article is the same. After selecting an article, you can view the following (if available):

- Abstract of the article
- Full-text article
- PDF of the article
- [Find Similar Articles](#) - Clicking the Find Similar Articles link generates a journal search based on the subject(s) in the article.

Open or Close the left column to view more content on the page at one time.

To Browse Clinic Articles:

1. Click the title to view the article.
2. Click the Full-Text, Citation, Abstract, or PDF links to view the article in a different format.
 - The article text will be displayed on the right.

To Open or Close the Clinic Article Left Column:

- Click the Close link in the top right of the left column to hide the column.
- OR
- Click the Open link at the top left of the Web page to reopen the left column.

Browsing Patient Education

Customizing Patient Education

Adding Special Instructions

You can browse Patient Education by Condition & Treatments, Medications, Specialties, or Spanish. Many of our Patient Education handouts include images and/or Spanish versions. Patient Education handouts can also easily be customized. You can also add your own Special Instructions to any of the Patient Education handouts.

To Browse Patient Education by Conditions and Treatments:

1. Click the Patient Education link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Conditions & Treatment tab (default view).
3. Click a letter to view conditions and treatments that begin with that letter.
4. Select a Patient Education handout title from the list.
5. The Patient Education text is displayed.

To Browse Patient Education by Medications:

1. Click the Patient Education link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Medications tab.
3. Click a letter to view medications that begin with that letter.
4. Select a Patient Education handout title from the list.
5. The Patient Education text is displayed.

To Browse Patient Education by Specialty:

1. Click the Patient Education link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Specialties tab.
3. Select a medical specialty.
 - Click a letter (if available) to view the handouts that begin with that letter. If MD Consult has a large number of handouts for the specialty, an alphabet list will appear.
4. Select a Patient Education handout title from the list.
5. The Patient Education text is displayed.

To Browse Patient Education by Spanish Handouts:

1. Click the Patient Education link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Spanish tab.
3. Click a letter to view Spanish handouts that begin with that letter.
4. Select a Patient Education handout title from the list.
5. The Patient Education text is displayed.

Customizing Patient Education

On MD Consult, if you have a user name and password, you can add customized information to Patient Education handouts. After this information is added, it will be on all the Patient Education handouts you print. (You will be able to edit this information at any time.)

To Customize Patient Education Handouts:

1. After you have opened a Patient Education handout. Click the Customize Information button on the right.

Note: *The first time you customize Patient Education handouts, you will notice that default values have been entered based on your registration information.*

2. Enter your customized information into the form.
3. Click the Submit button to save the information for all your Patient Education handouts.

Note: *Customized information displays near the top left of the Patient Handout. The first two lines of text will always print in a larger font size than the other lines.*

Suggestions for Information to Include:

- Contact information (eg, physician name)
- Organization/office name
- Office phone
- Alternate office locations
- Pages or answering service telephone numbers
- Email address

Note *Patient Education handouts can also be customized in the [My Account](#) section.*

Adding Special Instructions to Patient Education Handouts

On MD Consult, if you have a user name and password, you can add Special Instructions to a Patient Education handout. You can send your patients home with professional-looking patient handouts complete with your own customized instructions at the bottom.

To Add Special Instructions to Patient Education Handouts:

1. Select the Patient Education handout that you want to customize.

2. Enter your Special Instructions into the text box at the right side of the open Patient Education handout.
 - You can enter up to two letter-sized pages of text.
 - These additional instructions will print on all copies of the specific Patient Education handout to which you have added them.
3. Click the Save Special Instructions button to add the instructions.

Caution: Patient Information is confidential and protected by HIPAA Privacy regulations. Do not enter any patient-sensitive information into the Special Instructions area.

Browsing Drugs

[Browsing Drug Monographs](#)

[Browsing Safety Notices and FDA Approvals](#)

MD Consult drug information is provided by Gold Standard. MD Consult drug information can be browsed by Drug, Indication, Contraindication, and Adverse Reactions. The Drug link includes both the generic and brand drug names.

MD Consult also provides you with the latest [Safety Notices](#) and [FDA Approvals](#) to keep you up-to-date on the latest drug information.

To Browse Drugs by Name:

1. Click the Drugs link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Drugs tab (default view).
3. Click a letter to view drugs that begin with that letter.
4. Select a drug name from the list.
5. The drug monograph is displayed.

To Browse Drugs by Indication:

1. Click the Drugs link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Indication tab.
3. Click a letter to view indications that begin with that letter.
4. Select an indication from the list.
5. Select a drug name from the list.
6. The drug monograph is displayed.

To Browse Drugs by Contraindication:

1. Click the Drugs link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Contraindications tab.
3. Click a letter to view contraindications that begin with that letter.
4. Select a contraindication from the list.
5. Select a drug name from the list.
6. The drug monograph is displayed.

To Browse Drugs by Adverse Reaction:

1. Click the Drugs link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Adverse Reactions tab.

3. Click a letter to view adverse reactions that begin with that letter.
4. Select an adverse reaction from the list.
5. Select a drug name from the list.
6. The drug monograph is displayed.

Browsing Drug Monographs

After you have selected a drug name the information presented to you on the first page can include: generic drug name, brand drug name(s), pill image(s), classification, description, pharmacokinetics, pertinent information regarding special populations, references, and the date the monograph was last updated.

Other information about the drug can include:

- Patient Education
- Indications/Dosage
- Administration
- Contraindications/Precautions
- Interactions
- Adverse Reactions
- Monitoring Parameters
- Chemical Structure

To View Additional pill images:

1. Click the link below the image or click the image to view additional images (if available).
2. Click the Back button to return to the full monograph.

To View Drug Patient Education Information:

1. Click the Patient Education link below the pill image.
2. Click one of the links at the top of the page to view a different Patient Education page.
3. Click **Español** (if available). The Spanish version of the Patient Education Information will be displayed.
4. Click the Back button to return to the full monograph.

To View Drug Indications/Dosages:

1. Click the Indications/Dosage link below the pill image.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Click Direct Link to Indications...Dosages link to view detailed indications/dosage information.
 - Click the Indications...Dosages link to return to all indications.

Note: *Non-FDA-approved Indications have a † by them.*

OR

- Click the name of an indication to review a specific indication. The selected indication will be highlighted in yellow.
3. Click the Generic Name link at the top of the page to return to the full monograph.

To View Drug Administration Information:

1. Click the Administration link below the pill image.
2. Click the Generic Name link at the top of the page to return to the full monograph.

To View Drug Contraindications/Precautions:

1. Click the Contraindications/Precautions link below the pill image.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Click Direct Link to Contraindications/Precautions to view all contraindications and precautions.

OR

- Click the name of a specific contraindication to view a specific contraindication/precaution.
 - The selected contraindication will be highlighted in yellow.
 - Absolute contraindications/precautions are in italics.
3. Click the Generic Name link at the top of the page to return to the full monograph.

To View Drug Interactions:

1. Click the Interactions link below the pill image.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Click Direct Link to Interactions to view all interactions for the selected drug.

OR

- Click the name of a specific interaction to view a specific interaction.
 - The selected interaction will be highlighted in yellow.
3. Click the Generic Name link at the top of the page to return to the full monograph.

To View Drug Adverse Reactions:

1. Click the Adverse Reactions link below the pill image.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Click Direct Link to Adverse Reactions to view all adverse reactions for the selected drug.

OR

- Click the name of a specific adverse reaction to view a specific adverse reaction.
 - The selected adverse reactions will be highlighted in yellow.
3. Click the Generic Name link at the top of the page to return to the full monograph.

To View Drug Monitoring Parameters:

1. Click the Monitoring Parameters link below the pill image
 - Monitoring Parameters list tests that may be needed when prescribing a drug.
2. Click the Generic Name link at the top of the page to return to the full monograph.

To View a Drug Chemical Structure:

1. Click the Chemical Structures link below the pill image.
 - A new window will open with the chemical structure displayed.
2. Click Close to close the window

Browsing Safety Notices and FDA Approvals

Drug information on MD Consult also includes the latest [Safety Notices](#) and [FDA Approvals](#) .

To View a Safety Notice:

1. Click the Drugs link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Drugs tab (default view).
- Click a title link from the Safety Notice section.

OR

- Click the All Safety Notices link to view all of the Safety Notices.

To View FDA Approvals:

1. Click the Drugs link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Drugs tab (default view).
- Click a title link from the FDA Approvals section.

OR

- Click the All FDA Approvals link to view all the FDA Approvals.

Browsing News

MD Consult news stories provide concise clinical summaries on new developments from all the major journals, government agencies, and medical conferences. Stories include links to related information such as relevant journal articles. News stories are provided by [Elsevier Global Medical News](#)

You can customize the News page to easily view the news in your specialty and any other specialties of interest to you.

To Browse the News Top Stories:

1. Click the News link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Top Stories tab (default view).
3. Click the title of the news story you would like to read.
4. Use the browser's Back button to return to the story list.

To Browse the News Stories by Specialty:

1. Click the News link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Stories by Specialty tab.
3. Select a Specialty.
4. Click the title of the news story you would like to read.
5. Use the browser's Back button to return to the story list.

To Customize the News:

1. Click the News link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Click the Customize Specialties link found under My Top Specialty Stories.
3. Select the specialties of interest to you.
Note: *We have already entered one specialty for you based on your registration information. To remove this selection, simply clear the box next to the specialty.*
4. Click the Submit button to save your selections.

Note: *You can also customize the News from [My Account](#).*

To sign up for MD Consult's RSS feed:

1. Click the News link in the Navigation Bar.

2. Click on the RSS link in the top left-hand corner of the News page, and add the link to your RSS news reader.

OR

Follow the instructions provided by your personal web-based news reader such as My Yahoo! or Google.

Browsing Images

You can search for images found in our books. You can also browse Selected Images on MD Consult. To view the Selected Images, select the Images tab. The Selected Images will be displayed

To Browse Selected Images:

1. Click the Images link in the Navigation Bar.
 2. Click an image from Selected Images.
 - The full-size version of the image and caption will be displayed.
 3. Do one of the following:
 - Click the View Image in Book link.
- OR
- Click the Return to List link.

Browsing Guidelines

You can browse our growing collection of clinical practice guidelines that contain full-text articles from the many journals available on MD Consult. Guidelines can be browsed alphabetically, by specialty, or by authoring organization.

You can also browse our Practice Guideline Updates, which contain brief summaries of newly published guidelines with links to the full-text articles on the Web.

To Browse Guidelines by Topic:

1. Click the Guidelines link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Topics (A-Z) tab (default view).
3. Click a letter to view topics that begin with that letter.
4. Select a topic from the list.
5. Click a guideline title to open the article.

To Browse Guidelines by Specialty:

1. Click the Guidelines link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Specialties tab.
3. Select a specialty from the list.
4. Click a guideline title to open the article.

To Browse Guidelines by Authoring Organization:

1. Click the Guidelines link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Authoring Organizations tab.
3. Select an authoring organization from the list.
4. Click a guideline title to open the article.

To Browse Guideline Updates:

1. Click the Guidelines link in the Navigation Bar.

2. Click an article title from the Guideline Updates section.
3. Click the Back button to return to the Guideline Updates list.

To Browse All Guideline Updates:

1. Click the Guidelines link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Click the All Guideline Updates link at the bottom of the Guideline Updates section.
3. Select an article title to view the article.
4. Click the Back button to return to the Guideline Updates list.

Browsing CME

MD Consult offers you continuing medical education (CME) from two different providers: *Clinical Cornerstone* and Cyberounds®.

Clinical Cornerstone is a bimonthly CME journal sponsored by the Elsevier Office of Continuing Medical Education. Excerpta Medica is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

Cyberounds® are interactive grand rounds moderated by distinguished academics exclusively for physicians, medical students, and other selected health professionals. Conferences are administrated by the Cyberounds committee at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

To Browse *Clinical Cornerstone*:

1. Click the CME link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Clinical Cornerstone and Fee CME tab (default view).
3. Select the topic you are interested in reviewing.
 - Links to articles for review display on the left.
 - Links to the CME questions, answers, and evaluation form are displayed on the right.
4. Do one of the following:
 - Select an article link to review one of the articles related to the CME topic.OR
 - Select the CME Questions link to download list of questions related to the articles.OR
 - Select the CME Test Answer and Evaluation Form link to download the form to be submitted to Excerpta Medica for CME credits.

To Browse Cyberounds:

1. Click the CME link in the Navigation Bar.
2. Select the Cyberounds tab.
3. Select the topic you are interested in reviewing.
 - Grand Rounds CME conferences are hosted on the Cyberounds® Web site.
 - MD Consult passes you directly to the Cyberounds® site and automatically registers you, so there's no need to register or login.
 - For additional help with Cyberounds® CME, click the Help button on the Cyberounds Web site.