



Dear Library Director:

The Connecticut State Library is pleased to partner with the National Network of Libraries and Medicine, New England Region to bring Connecticut libraries and their patron MedlinePlus and PubMed services, resources and promotional materials.

Enclosed are samples of printed materials on MedlinePlus and PubMed which together constitute the primary online health information resources offered through iCONN.org. Also enclosed is a brochure on the National Institutes of Health (<http://nih.gov>) which in concert with the National Library of Medicine (<http://nlm.nih.gov>) is the authoritative source of these services. We feel that these public domain resources offer a better value for current, trustworthy health information as opposed to licensed resources that the state would have to pay to offer. Accordingly, we encourage you to make these materials available to your patrons who might not be aware that these valuable services exist:

The *folded brochures* can be downloaded and printed as flat sheets from:
<http://nnlm.gov/ner/training/resources.html> or <http://1.usa.gov/18feQZC>

MedlinePlus, SeniorHealth and PubMed *rack cards* and MedlinePlus *bookmarks* can be ordered online at:
<http://nnlm.gov/ner/training/promoner.html> or <http://1.usa.gov/19LhdRo>

In addition, you will find online training resources on MedlinePlus and PubMed at:
<http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/OnlineTrainingPublicSchool.aspx> or <http://bit.ly/gT41gl>

Information on adding MedlinePlus to your website and MedlinePlus *widgets and buttons* can be found here:
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/linking.html> or <http://1.usa.gov/2FXhXj>
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/widgets.html> or <http://1.usa.gov/9xh1rv>

Also enclosed is a flyer on *Healthnet: Connecticut Consumer Health Information Network* at the University of Connecticut Health Center Library. UConn Healthnet assists public librarians in CT with reference searches, consultation on collection development and consumer health program development, and provides resource guides on their site: <http://library.uhc.edu/departm/hnet/>.

If you need any more information about MedlinePlus, SeniorHealth or PubMed, please contact:

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Thank you.

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