

Health Awareness



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(NAPSA)—While the number of health Web sites is skyrocketing, consumers can simplify their searches for information by visiting **healthfinder.gov**, the federal online gateway that gives them access to reliable health information and health news. Since 1997, healthfinder[®], supported by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has been recognized as a key resource for finding the best government and nonprofit health information on the Internet.

“Health issues concern everyone. healthfinder[®] helps people get information they can trust, when they need to know it,” said Captain Penelope Slade Royall, P.T., M.S.W., Director, ODPHP.

The Web site serves as a “one-stop shop,” offering English- and Spanish-speaking consumers many useful features, including:

- Quick-reference health guides on diseases, conditions, and injuries
- A drug database containing information on prescriptions and potential drug interactions
- Easy to use search capacity, connecting users to health information from more than 300 federal agencies and more than 600 nonprofit organizations
- Online tools, quizzes, and health calculators
- Health news headlines and monthly announcements featuring health events
- Consumer guides to locating health providers and facilities
- An online library featuring consumer resources, such as a guide to surgical procedures and medical dictionaries for adults and children.