Deciding which resource to use

❖ Does the library own a book or journal?
  ➢ Search the online catalog (Pegasus) to determine if Loyola owns the book or journal you need (both print and electronic)
  ➢ Click on the link to e-journals to determine if Loyola owns an electronic journal or the exact years the electronic journal is available

❖ Doing research on a specific topic: start with a database
  ➢ For biomedical information go to Medline. For other subject areas refer to the handout Major Databases available at Health Sciences Library for appropriate databases.
  ➢ Searching Medline (either Ovid or PubMed)
    ▪ Medline contains citations to current and historical research as well as practice guidelines, and evidence based information
    ▪ Many citations will have links to electronic full text journal articles owned by Loyola

❖ MD Consult
  ➢ Electronic journal articles and books
    ▪ MD Consult provides full-text access to a variety of journals and books. Specific titles are found under the e-journals and e-books links on the library home page. Access electronic journal articles by searching rather than browsing the table of contents. Users may ‘search’ a known citation to find a specific article.
  ➢ Other features
    ▪ Student Union – found in the Learning Center section
      ♦ Geared toward medical students
        ✦ Contains information about performing procedures, practice case studies, medical abbreviations and other items
    ▪ Patient Handouts
    ▪ Practice Guidelines

❖ Micromedex
  ➢ Use Micromedex for drug information including toxicology, drug interactions and dosing tools

❖ Evidence Based Medicine resources
  ➢ Clinical Evidence
  ➢ UpToDate
  ➢ Pier
  ➢ Ovid: Cochrane, Dare & ACP Journal Club

❖ Internet resources
  ➢ Good source for government & association resources as well as patient education sources
  ➢ Click on WWW links for quality sites arranged by subject such as MedlinePlus, a resource for patient education materials available on the web

Questions: Call (708) 216-9192 to speak to a Reference Librarian

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