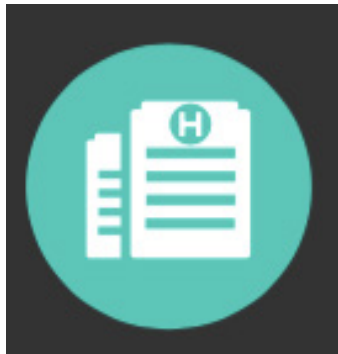




Online Health Resources



Evaluating Online Information

- Who wrote the information?
- Is the website a .com, .org, or .gov? Which is best for health info?
- Is this information presented by a person or organization who is knowledgeable and reputable?
- Are they selling a product?
- Is the information up-to-date?

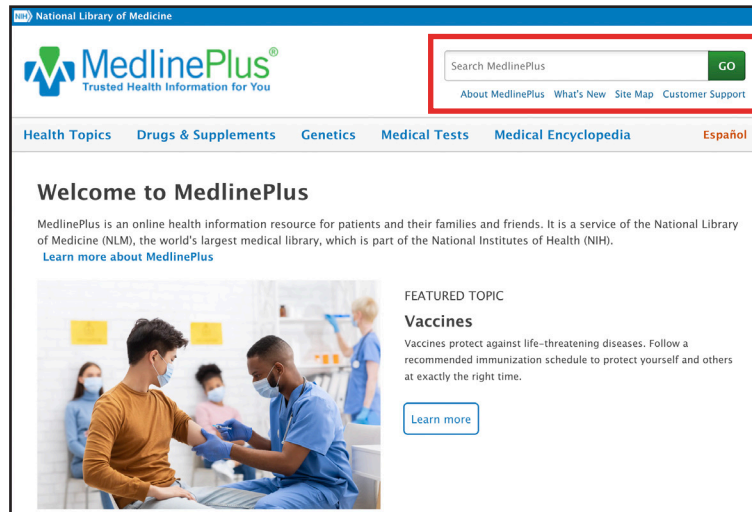
Useful Resources:

- Medline Plus: medlineplus.gov
- WebMD: webmd.com
- Mayo Clinic: mayoclinic.org





Search Medline Plus



- 1 Go to medlineplus.gov
- 2 Locate the **search bar** in the top right-hand corner of the screen. You can use the search bar for any health-related topic. Enter anything you'd like and see what comes up. Below are the results for a search for "hearing loss."

Related Topics

[Hearing Problems in Children](#)

Refine by Type


All Results (2,259)

- [Health Topics](#) (26)
- [External Health Links](#) (1,105)
- [Drugs and Supplements](#) (231)
- [Medical Encyclopedia](#) (154)
- [MedlinePlus Magazine](#) (36)
- [Multiple Languages](#) (12)
- [National Institutes of Health](#) (615)

Refine by Format

Hearing Disorders and Deafness

It's frustrating to be unable to hear well enough to enjoy talking with friends or family. Hearing disorders make it hard, but not impossible, to hear. They can often be helped. Deafness can keep you from hearing sound at all.



What causes hearing loss? Some possibilities are

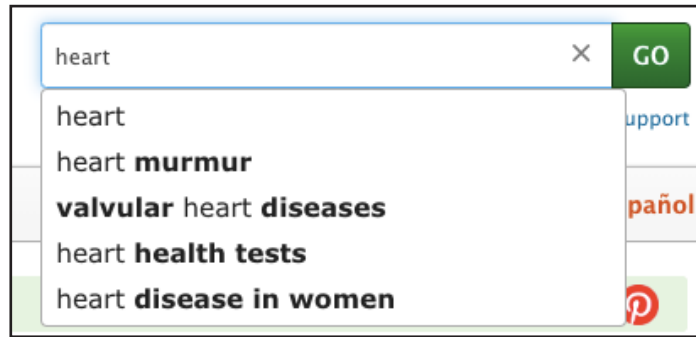
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Results 1 – 10 of 1,584 for **hearing loss**

1. **Hearing Disorders and Deafness** (National Library of Medicine)
... you from **hearing** sound at all. What causes **hearing loss**? Some possibilities are Heredity Diseases such as ear ... noise Aging There are two main types of **hearing loss**. One happens when your inner ear or auditory ...
<https://medlineplus.gov/hearingdisordersanddeafness.html> – Health Topics
2. **Hearing loss – infants**
Deafness – infants; **Hearing** impairment – infants; Conductive **hearing loss** –



- 3 Take some time to continue using the search bar. Try searching more health topics, or the names of prescription drugs and supplements. When you start typing in the search bar, you will see suggestions.



Write down 3 topics that you searched.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Now discuss the results with a partner. What information was the most useful?



Searching a reputable health site like Medline Plus for medical, drug, and health-related issues will yield better results than a simple Google search.







Explore Tabs on Medline Plus

You can also navigate around Medline Plus by clicking on the tabs:



Browse **Health Topics** alphabetically or select different categories.

Body Location/Systems

-  Blood, Heart and Circulation
-  Bones, Joints and Muscles
-  Brain and Nerves
-  Digestive System

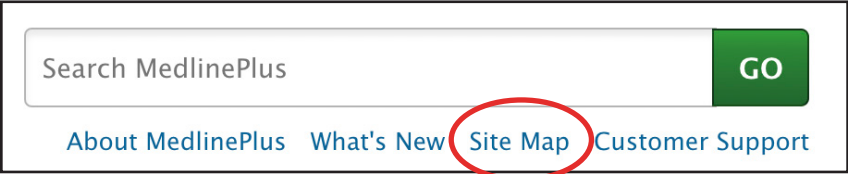
With the **Drugs & Supplements** tab, you can learn about prescription and over-the-counter medications. Below are questions you can explore in this tab:

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| Why is this medication prescribed? | What side effects can this medication cause? |
| How should this medicine be used? | What should I know about storage and disposal of this medication? |
| Other uses for this medicine | In case of emergency/overdose |
| What special precautions should I follow? | What other information should I know? |
| What special dietary instructions should I follow? | Brand names |
| What should I do if I forget a dose? | |



Explore Videos & Tools

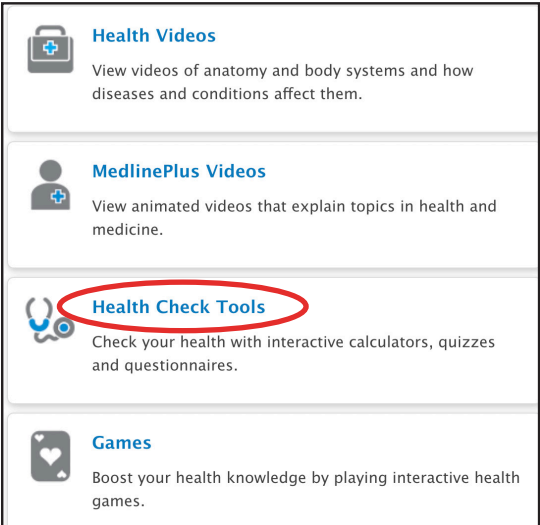
1 Go to medlineplus.gov and click on **Site Map** under the search bar.



2 Scroll down and click on **Videos & Tools**. A new page will open.

3 Select **Health Videos** to watch videos about different medical topics, as well as videos of surgical procedures.

Click **Health Check Tools** to explore a variety of calculators, quizzes, and questionnaires.



These tools only open if you click on the name itself rather than in the box.

4 After clicking on **Health Check Tools**, scroll down and find "Hearing Disorders and Deafness." Click on **Do You Need a Hearing Test?** to open a questionnaire to determine if you need a hearing test.

