

## USING STAT!REF

Stat!Ref is a Web-based resource that provides access to the full text of the most recent editions of five medical books: *AHFS Drug Information*, *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM)*, *Brunner and Suddarth's textbook of Medical/Surgical Nursing*, *Schwartz' Principles of Surgery*, and *Family Medicine: Principles and Practice*. Titles are subject to change without notice.

### General Information

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- Stat!Ref can be accessed through the Library's Web page (<http://hsc.utoledo.edu/lib/>). Click on **Full-Text Resources**.
- If assistance is needed, ask a library staff member. From home or office, contact Mulford Reference Assistance at 419-383-4218, [MulfordReference@utoledo.edu](mailto:MulfordReference@utoledo.edu), or <http://hsc.utoledo.edu/lib/resources.html> (online chat). Context-sensitive online help is available by clicking on the **Help** option.
- When you are done using Stat!Ref, please click on the **Logoff** link at the top of the page.

### Searching and Browsing Stat!Ref

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There is a quick search option, if you are interested in searching all the books at one. Clicking on Advanced Search will allow for better searching.

On the Advanced Search page, enter the search terms at the top of the page, then select:

**Desired search precision.** Do the terms need to occur together in the same document? Do they need to be adjacent? By default, the system will select the best precision.

**Include related concepts.** Stat!Ref has a built-in synonym thesaurus that can be used to broaden retrieval. With this option selected, a search for *heart* will retrieve documents containing the either the term *heart* or *cardiac*.

**Include suffixes.** With this option selected, a search for *disease* will retrieve documents with terms like *disease*, *diseases*, *diseased*, etc.

**Title(s) to search.** Choosing the appropriate title(s) will save time and effort.

Stat!Ref also allows browsing of the sources by table of contents. From the index frame at the top of the page, click on the **Table of Contents** tab. Then click on the title of interest and browse.

### Working with Results

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The search results will be displayed in two different lists: AllStat! Ref Results and the search list results. AllStat! provides links to additional resources and related concepts as well as several other options: medical codes, drug information, patient information, Point



of Care (journal titles related to clinical information), and the filter Title by Discipline, which can be filtered down further by sub filter ranging from allied health to urology. The search results list will be provided in a list format, ranked by relevancy. Click on the document title to view the full-text. The search terms are in red, to make them easier to find. Within a document, there may be links to tables and other resources. To view, click the link.

## Printing and Downloading from Stat!Ref

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**Printing** Before printing, use the browser's Print Preview option to determine which pages to print. (If your browser's Print Preview option, has a frame select option, select **Only the selected frame**. This option would be located next to the **Help** button. Print just the pages that you need to print.

**Downloading** Select the desired text, copy it, and paste it into a word processing document.

## Citing Stat!Ref

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Stat!Ref is a collection of medical texts, so when citing information from Stat!Ref, make sure to cite the specific book, such as *Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment*. Here is a citation in Vancouver format:

Current Medical Treatment and Diagnosis, 40<sup>th</sup> ed. [online monograph]. Stat!Ref, producer. Jackson, WY: Teton Data Systems; 2001.

Consult the relevant style manual for reference format information.

## Resources

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Stat!Ref also includes extra resources: Stedman's Medical Dictionary, MedCalc 3000, Stat!Reports, reference links, An@tomy.tv, and Stat!Study (for students and residents). Stedman's can also be accessed while viewing the text. Highlight the word to look up, and click on the **Stedman's Look Up** link. Finally, Stat!Ref has Search Sets, which allows the user to personalize his or her search. Search Sets provides short cuts to selected articles. For more information on Search Sets, go to Stat!Ref's **Preferences** link.