

## Physical Therapy: A Pathfinder

The Learning Resources Center is a source of information on physical therapy. The purpose of this pathfinder is to provide an overview of the variety of sources available to help you thoroughly research your topic. If you would like assistance using these resources, please ask a librarian for help.

### Books and Audiovisual Materials

The online catalog provides a listing of all books and audiovisual materials owned by the BCC Learning Resources Center. You can search the catalog from any computer with Internet access via the BCC Library website <<http://sunybroome.edu/~library>>.

A few of the subjects relating to physical therapy include:

Human anatomy	Orthopedics
Kinesiology	Physical therapists
Massage therapy	Physical therapy
Medicine, Physical	Physical therapy assistants
Occupational therapy	Prosthesis
Orthopedic apparatus	Sports physical therapy

Most books about physical therapy and related topics are located in the “RM” section of the reference and circulating collections. Reference books are located on the first floor and are helpful for locating short answers to specific questions. The following are representative reference books that may help you with your research. The examples listed are in APA style.

### Reference Books

- Ashley, M. J. (Ed.) (2004). *Traumatic brain injury: Rehabilitation treatment and case management* (2nd ed.). Boca Raton: CRC Press. [Ref RC 387.5 .T74 2004]
- Beers, M. H., & Porter, R. S. (Eds.). (2006). *The Merck manual of diagnosis and therapy* (18th ed.). Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck. [Ref RC55 .M4 2006]
- Bottomley, J. M. (Ed.). (2003). *Quick reference dictionary for physical therapy* (2nd ed.). Thorofare, NJ: Slack. [Ref RM696.5 .Q53 2003]
- DeLisa, J. A. (Ed.). (2005). *Physical medicine and rehabilitation: Principles and practice* (4th ed.). Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. [Ref RM930 .R364 2005]

- Dorland's illustrated medical dictionary* (31st ed.). (2007). Philadelphia: Saunders. [Ref R121 .D73 2007]
- Kottke, F. J., and Lehmann, J. F. (1990). *Krusen's handbook of physical medicine and rehabilitation* (4th ed.). Philadelphia: Saunders. [Ref RM700 .H36 1990]
- Melloni, B. J. (1998). *Melloni's illustrated dictionary of the musculoskeletal system*. New York: Parthenon. [Ref QM100 .M44 1998]
- Miller-Keane encyclopedia & dictionary of medicine, nursing, & allied health* (7th ed.). (2003). Philadelphia: Saunders. [Ref R121 .M65 2003]
- Mirzayan, R. (2006). *Cartilage injury in the athlete*. New York : Thieme. [Ref RD97 .C368 2006]
- Mosby's dictionary of medicine, nursing, & health professions* (7th ed.). (2006). St. Louis: Mosby. [Ref R121 .M67 2006]
- Netter, F. H. (2003). *Atlas of human anatomy* (3rd ed.). Teterboro, NJ: Icon Learning Systems. [Ref QM25 .N46 2003]
- Netter, F. H. (1954-1990). *The CIBA collection of medical illustrations* (Vols. 1-8). West Caldwell, NJ: CIBA. [Ref QM25 .N472 1964]
- Paget, S. A., Gibofsky, A., & Beary, J. F., III (Eds.). (2000). *Manual of rheumatology and outpatient orthopedic disorders: Diagnosis and therapy* (4th ed.). Philadelphia: Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. [Ref RC927 .M346 2000]
- Physicians' desk reference* (62nd ed.). (2008). Montvale, NJ: Thomson PDR. [Ref RS75 .P5 2008]
- Standring, S. (Ed.). (2005). *Gray's anatomy: The anatomical basis of clinical practice* (39th ed.). New York: Elsevier Churchill Livingstone. [Ref QM23.2 .G73 2005]

### **Circulating Books**

Books about physical therapy are also located in the circulating collection on the second floor of the library. Here are some call numbers you may find useful:

QP301-303	Kinesiology
RM695 - RM733	Physical therapy
RJ53 .P5	Physical therapy for children
RC953.8 .P58	Physical therapy for the aged
RM721	Massage
RD97	Sports physical therapy

## Journals

Magazine and journal articles will give you the most current information on physical therapy.

BCC subscribes to the following journals relating to physical therapy and rehabilitation medicine:

American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation  
JPO: Journal of Prosthetics and Orthotics  
Pediatric Physical Therapy  
Physical Therapy

Online [<http://www.apta.org> and click on “Publications”]  
PT Bulletin Online  
PT Magazine of Physical Therapy

## Online Databases

The library subscribes to a number of online databases, which can be used to search for magazine and journal articles on your topic, including full text on some of the articles. To access these databases, click on “Articles” under the “Search” heading on the BCC library homepage <<http://sunybroome.edu/~library>>, then click on “Health and Medicine.”

\*\*\**Note:* From off-campus, you will need to enter your BCC student computer account (ex.: smithj2) and 4-6 character password.

- **EBSCOhost** includes the following health science databases:
  - **CINAHL** Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature  
Full-text for Physical Therapy *and* PT Magazine of Physical Therapy
  - **Medline**
- **Health Reference Center Academic**  
Includes indexing and some full-text articles from selected medical journals and consumer health magazines, medical reference books and pamphlets.
- **Science Direct**  
Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (1995 to present)

Click on “**Find Full-Text or Request Copy**” if full-text is not provided for an article. This will search other databases for full text, indicate holdings in BCC Library’s print subscriptions, or create an Interlibrary Loan request form in ILLiad.

## Professional Associations

### American Physical Therapy Association

<http://www.apta.org>

### New York Physical Therapy Association

<http://www.nypta.org>

## Selected Internet Sites

**MEDLINE** <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

*MEDLINEplus* <http://medlineplus.gov>

Health topics, drug information, medical encyclopedia and dictionary

*PubMed* <http://pubmed.gov>

Search for journal articles in medical or physical therapy journals

*National Library of Medicine Gateway* <http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov>

Search in MEDLINEplus, PubMed, and Clinical Trials simultaneously

**Merck Manual** <http://www.merck.com/pubs/>

Guide to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and disorders. Includes color plates and updates not in the print edition.

**PEDro: Physiotherapy Evidence Database** <http://www.pedro.fhs.usyd.edu.au/>

Database containing clinical practice guidelines, randomized controlled trials, and systematic reviews relating to physiotherapy.

**Physical Therapist Online** <http://physicaltherapist.com/>

Links to online periodicals and textbooks, and sites by specific condition, disability or specialty

**PT Central** <http://www.ptcentral.com/>

Links to Hosford Muscle Tables and other resources related to physical therapy

## Reference Faculty

If you have any questions or cannot locate the information you need, please ask at the reference desk. BCC's reference librarians will be glad to assist you.

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