

Vulnerable Populations Pathfinder

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Books, Videos, and DVDs

Found on the Alverno Library’s homepage, <http://depts.alverno.edu/library/>, our online catalog **TOPCAT** provides access to a variety of materials that focus on the healthcare issues of vulnerable populations. Some useful search terms include:

- Health disparities
- Health services accessibility
- Mental health
- Nursing social aspects
- Poor medical care
- Transcultural nursing
- Vulnerable populations

Here is a sampling of books and their call numbers from Alverno’s collection.

- *At risk in America: The health and health care needs of vulnerable populations in the United States* – 362.10425 A221 2001
- *Caring for the vulnerable: Perspectives in nursing theory, practice, and research* – 362.173 C277d
- *End-of-life decision making: A cross-national study* – 362.175 E56
- *Mental health issues of older women* – 362.2082 M549
- *Transcultural communication in nursing* – 610.73 M967 2005
- *Transcultural nursing: Assessment and intervention* – Ref 610.73089 T772 2008
- *Unequal treatment: Confronting racial and ethnic disparities in health care* – 362.1089 U56
- *Vulnerable populations in the United States* – 362.10425 S555

Tip: Don’t forget about the convenient SWITCH delivery service. You can request materials quickly and easily from the eight libraries in the SWITCH consortium. The SWITCH collection is just a click away! Ask an Alverno librarian for details.

Databases and Journal Articles

Alverno subscribes to some great databases! From the Alverno Library’s homepage, click “**Databases by Subject**” and select “**Nursing & Allied Health**”. These quality databases offer access to scholarly journal articles and guidelines that will help you understand the needs of vulnerable populations.

- CINAHL Plus with Full Text
- PubMed Medline
- ProQuest Nursing (look for the Cultural Competency Briefs on the right side of the page)
- PsycINFO

Tip: Remember to use synonyms when searching for information on cultures. For example, these terms all represent related ethnic groups: Hispanics, Hispanic Americans, Latinos, and Mexican Americans.

Websites

The Alverno Library provides access to a collection of librarian recommended web sites organized by subject. From the library’s homepage, click “**Best Web Sites**” and select “**Health & Nursing**”. This page has links to more than 200 quality websites and includes sections on “**Health Disparities**”, “**Health Statistics**”, and “**Transcultural Health**”. Turn the page for a partial listing.

Health Disparities

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

This federal agency conducts and sponsors research on healthcare quality, safety, and cost-effectiveness. It provides access to numerous reports including the [National Healthcare Quality & Disparities Reports](#).

<http://www.ahrq.gov/>

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF)

This non-profit, private operating foundation focuses on the major health care issues facing our nation. The KFF develops and runs its own research and communications programs, often in partnership with outside organizations. This site provides access to many valuable resources pertaining to health disparities.

<http://www.kff.org/>

Medline Plus: Health Disparities

This popular consumer health website provides easy-to-understand information on the different populations affected by health disparities in the United States.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthdisparities.html>

United States Department of Health and Human Services - Specific Populations

This gateway to information provides access to health related resources for specific populations. Topics covered include: Disabilities, ethnic and racial minorities, homeless, rural health, veterans, and others.

<http://www.hhs.gov/specificpopulations/index.shtml>

Health Statistics

Wisconsin Health Statistics

Created by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, this website provides access to numerous statistical reports on a variety of topics related to health information and patient care.

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats/index.htm>

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

Access a rich collection of statistical information on vital events, health status, lifestyle, unhealthy influences, and more. The "FastStats" page provides quick access to statistics on topics of public health importance and is organized alphabetically.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

WHO World Health Statistics (WHOSIS)

World Health Organization's guide to international statistical and epidemiological information.

<http://www.who.int/whosis/en/index.html>

Transcultural Health

Culture Clues™

Culture Clues are short tip sheets designed to increase awareness about concepts and preferences of patients from diverse cultures. This site includes end-of-life care guidelines for certain cultures.

<http://depts.washington.edu/pfes/CultureClues.htm>

CulturedMed™

Created by the State University of New York (SUNY) Institute of Technology Library, this site provides bibliographies and links to online resources that discuss health beliefs of various ethnic groups.

<http://culturedmed.binghamton.edu/>

Need more information? Be sure to contact an Alverno librarian at (414) 382-6062.