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Remote Access to Library Resources

Many of the Libraries' Resources are designated as available "on campus" only. Library Resources include the full-text links from the Libraries' catalog, [Innopac link removed](#); search systems such as the [Cochrane Library link removed](#); and full-text journal providers such as [ScienceDirect link removed](#). Notes to indicate this limitation include: LSUHSC.EDU domain required or On Campus Only.

Despite these messages, these resources may be accessed remotely by logging into the LSUHSC network. With the right permissions and by downloading additional software, these items are accessible off-campus. **Please note: Permission to gain remote access to the LSUHSC network is granted at the departmental level.**

The two ways to gain remote access are:

- VPN (Virtual Private Network), the preferred method, and
- Windows Terminal Server.

Installing the software for either program requires some knowledge of the software already installed on your off-campus PC.

A **VPN** connection allows for direct access to the LSUHSC network. Instructions on configuring your off-campus PC vary greatly depending on operating system. The software can be downloaded from the LSUHSC [Intranet link removed \(LSUHSC userid & password required\)](#). Windows XP users need to contact their local [computer supporters link removed](#) for information about this program.

Windows Terminal Server allows users to connect to a virtual desktop which has access to the same resources as a computer on campus. **WTS** is also called Citrix or sometimes is referred to as the "PeopleSoft Desktop." Off-campus users can install the Web Client software which acts as a plug-in for your web browser; know your browser type and version before beginning. The plug-in can be downloaded from the LSUHSC [Intranet link removed \(LSUHSC userid & password required\)](#). Even if you use the **WTS** on campus, you may not have access to web functions (if the IE icon does not appear). Contact your local [computer supporters link removed](#) for further assistance.

Please Note: Access to the **Windows Terminal Server** is restricted. Only those who have a "legitimate business need" to use **WTS** or who are already authorized are approved to use this limited resource. Anyone with an LSUHSC User ID is eligible to connect via the **VPN**. Please contact your computer supporters for further assistance.

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What is it?

An online search system designed to answer questions about patient care, MICROMEDEX [link removed](#) offers referential databases and integrated decision support tools covering drug, disease, patient education, toxicology, alternative medicine, regulatory, and chemical information.

Who should use it?

Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals will find evidence-based data to support clinical decision-making in a number of different medical areas. With over 400 practicing clinicians from all over the world serving as editorial board members, authoritative information is assured. Additionally, MICROMEDEX [link removed](#) provides customizable patient education information for drugs and diseases.

What does it do?

All of the features of the MICROMEDEX Health Care series are accessible from the main screen:

MICROMEDEX® Healthcare Series **Main** **Help**

[Change your LSUHSC NT Password](#) [View P & T Quik Reports](#)

Use the Integrated Index® System to find quick answers

Search for summaries and detailed monographs for drugs, [disease](#), alternative medicine, toxicological managements, reproductive risks, and emergency care.

Enter search term(s)

☐ Find exact term only

OR

[Search by database](#)
[Search by category](#)
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Find drugs and substances

- [Toxicology](#)
(POISINDEX® & IDENTIDEX® Systems)
- [Trade/Generic Drugs](#)
(DRUGDEX® & MARTINDALE Systems)

Use a tool

- [Drug Interactions](#)
(DRUG-REAX® System)
- [Formulary Advisor™](#)
- [IV Compatibility](#)
(IV INDEX® System)
- [Dosing Tools](#)
(Calculators & Nomograms, Pearls)

Access patient education

- [The CareNotes™ System](#)
- [AltMed Leaflets](#)
(AltCareDex® System)

Use the **Integrated Index** to find quick answers on topics such as:

- ☐ Alternative Medicine Therapies ☐ Reproductive Risk Data
- ☐ Drugs ☐ Toxicological Managements
- ☐ Emergency Medicine and Acute Care Protocols

Simply enter your term or terms into the search box to obtain summaries or detailed monograph information for drugs, acute/emergency care, toxicology, and reproductive risk. The **Integrated Index** also offers searching by category or particular database or databases. (See [MICROMEDEX search hints](#).)

Find drugs and substances, identify solid dosage forms based on imprint code, and access product ingredient information by searching the **Toxicology** and **Trade/generic** drug databases. The **Toxicology** databases

POISINDEX® and IDENTIDEX® offer product ingredients and imprint codes, while the **Trade/generic DRUGDEX® & MARTINDALE** databases link directly to drug monographs. It also includes drugs marketed both in the US and internationally.

Use a tool to check for drug interactions or look up a dosing calculator, therapeutic pearl or nomogram. The DRUG-REAX System, under **Drug Interactions**, allows clinicians to check for interacting drug ingredients, their effects, and their clinical significance, providing drug-drug, food-drug, drug-disease, drug-ethanol, and drug-laboratory assay interactions. **Dosing Tools** assist the clinician with patient care. Included are Adult and Pediatric Emergency Drug Dosing Calculators, Toxicity Nomograms, Therapeutic Pearls, and frequently used calculators, such as Body Surface Area and Creatinine Clearance.

Note that not all additive adverse effects or therapeutic antagonist effects are included in the DRUG-REAX System.

Access patient education via the **CareNotes System** or **AltMed Leaflets**. The **CareNotes System** assists healthcare professionals in providing patients with easy-to-understand information in English and Spanish, including treatment, follow-up care, psychosocial issues, and continuing health concerns. It also contains DrugNotes: easy-to-understand instructions on medications. **AltMed Leaflets** are gleaned from the AltCareDex database, providing concise information on herbals, vitamins, minerals, and other dietary supplements, as well as common CAM therapies and information on the treatment of common health conditions using complementary and alternative methods.

View P & T Quik® Reports. P & T Quik Monthly Reports provide fast, reliable answers for Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committees. Access reports describing formulary recommendations, approved indications, efficacy, pharmacokinetics, adverse effects, and more, in an easily printable PDF format. It is especially useful when reviewing or presenting new drugs under consideration for inclusion in hospital formularies.

Where can I get it?

MICROMEDEX **link removed** is available from the Library Homepage **link removed** both on and off campus with an LSUHSC User ID and Password, or just stop by the library for a demonstration.

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Basic Library Classes

The Isché Library offers General Library Systems [classes](#) [link removed](#) each month to LSU Health Sciences Center personnel. The Classes are 1½ hours long, and highly recommended for all incoming personnel, editorial & administrative assistants, student workers, and all others who help to expedite requests from their departments.

The class covers the following:

§ An overview of the array of the Library's resources and services along with a guided tour.

§ Lessons learned in using the Library's online catalog, [INNOPAC](#) [link removed](#) to locate books and journals that are available in print or online.

§ Instruction on accessing, searching, and retrieving relevant bibliographic information from [Ovid](#) [link removed](#), the Library's web-based database system.

§ Sharing secrets for verifying "garbled" book or journal citations.

§ Quick and easy way to complete [Interlibrary Loan forms](#) [link removed](#).

For more information or to schedule a class, contact the [Reference](#) [link removed](#) Department at the Isché Library (504) 568-6102 / (504) 568-8339, or at the [Dental Library](#) [link removed](#) (504) 619-8507.

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New Software Available in the LSUSHC Library Computer Lab

A number of new software products have been loaded in the LSUHSC New Orleans Isché Library's Computer Lab.

§ JAWS (Job Access with Speech)

This program is a screen reader that works with Windows to provide access to software applications and the Internet. JAWS uses an integrated voice synthesizer and the computer's sound card to output the content of the computer screen to speakers (or headphones). This software has been implemented on select Library PCs, including the computer lab and a public workstation. The software was purchased at the request of the School of Allied Health.

§ APA-Style Template software

Reference Point Software's Templates for APA (American Psychological Association) Style is now available on all Library Lab Computers. This software is used with Word to set up a document with the proper formatting requirements of APA Style. The same software is used in the School of Nursing Lab.

§ Deep Freeze

Deep Freeze software is being installed on all Library Lab Computers. It will refresh the hard drive to its original configuration whenever a computer is re-started or after a period of inactivity. Users must always save documents to a disk rather than to the hard drive.

§ Multi-Language Support

Software is being installed on all lab computers that will support all non-western characters and diacritics.

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Search Hints:

MICROMEDEX®

MICROMEDEX® *link removed* is easy to use since you do not need to learn a complicated interface – it's like using a search engine on the Internet! You can instantly find all documents containing your search term(s) from the database(s) of your choice. All options are accessible from the main screen.

Search by database, category, or use the **Integrated Index** (default).

Use the Integrated Index® System to find quick answers

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Enter search term(s)

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The Integrated index allows simultaneous searching across all available databases for a particular term or terms.

- Enter terms in the box and press .
- It is not necessary to enter “AND” or “OR.” The space between words implies “AND.” This is true throughout **MICROMEDEX®** *link removed*.

Example: **OFLOXACIN BRONCHITIS**

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Enter search term(s)

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Navigating the Results Screen

To return to main page or start a new search, click Main or New search.



Terms Matched lists the indexed terms related to your keyword(s). **MICROMEDEX®** *link removed* identifies and searches variations of your keywords. They are displayed above your results.

MICROMEDEX(R) Healthcare Series Integrated Index

Terms Matched{OFLOXACIN; OFLOXACINA; OFLOXACINE; OFLOXACINUM; }(BRONCHITIS;)

If many documents match the keyword in a database, the results are listed as 'n' Related Occurrences, where "n" is a number.

- **Drug Information**

- [DRUGDEX DRUG EVALUATIONS \[14 Related Occurrences\]](#)

- Results are listed by topic, then database.
- Select the topic and database that most closely matches your information request.
- Drill down further, if necessary, to reach the document by clicking links beneath the database name.

- ▶ [List Of DRUGDEX® Tradename Products](#)

- **Toxicology Information**

- ▶ [List Of POISINDEX® Products](#)
- ▶ [IDENTIDEX® System Tablet & Capsule Identification](#)

You may modify your search:

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Search by Database

- Select “Search by database” from Main page.

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- Select from 12 subheadings within 3 categories: Drug/Alternative Medicine, Disease/Condition, or Toxicology
- Enter search term(s) and then click

Use search by database to find answers from a specific source

Select one or more of the following databases

☐ DRUGDEX® System	☐ Summary Documents	☐ PDR®
☐ POISINDEX® System	☐ MARTINDALE	☐ TDME® System
☐ DISEASEDEX™ Emergency Medicine	☐ REPRORISK® System	☐ MSDS from USP
☐ DISEASEDEX™ General Medicine	☐ P&T QUIK® Reports	☐ Index Nominum
☐ Alternative Medicine	☐ USP DIs	

Enter search term(s)

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Get search tips & other info with [Help](#)



Take the **MICROMEDEX®** [link removed](#) tutorial in the Learning Center



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Staff News

Carolyn K. Bridgewater, MLIS, MSW, AHIP, Reference Librarian at the John P. Isché Library (Resource Center), has been accepted for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level.

Pauline Fulda, MS, AHIP, Associate Director of the Library, published the compiled "Proceedings, 102d Annual Meeting Medical Library Association, Inc. -- Dallas, Texas -- May 17-23, 2002" in the January issue of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*. She has also been elected Section Council Representative-Elect for the Public Health/Health Administration Section of the Medical Library Association.

Hanna Kwasik, MLIS, AHIP, Serials Librarian, has been accepted for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Provisional level. She has also received 2 grants: the first is a Continuing Education Grant from the Medical Library Association (MLA), Technical Services Section, and the second is a 2003 EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grant.

Bertrille Jinkens-Hookfin, evening circulation associate at the Isché Library, resigned her position in March. She earned a Masters in Social Work last May from Southern University and will begin a job in her new field.

Jennifer K. Lloyd, MLIS, AHIP, Circulation/InterLibrary Loan Librarian, has been accepted for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Senior level.

Elizabeth A. Strother, MLS, AHIP, Head Dental Librarian, received a "Tiger Praise" commendation from the Dental School which read: "Thanks for doing more, doing it better, and always exceeding our expectations! Great job!"

Wilba Swearingen, MA, MLS, AHIP, Director of Libraries, has been elected Secretary of the South Central Academic Medical Library (SCAMeL) Consortium. She has also been appointed to the SCC/MLA Nominating Committee.

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All current LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students should receive an automatic announcement about the availability of a new issue. If you are not receiving these announcements, or if you are not a current member of the LSUHSC community and would like to receive these announcements, please contact Jennifer Lloyd at jlloyd@lsuhsc.edu *link removed*.

Archived copies of the newsletter may be found via the LSUHSC Library's homepage at <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/library/> *link removed*.

Additionally, the LSUHSC Dental Library publishes its own newsletter, the *Library Explorer*. Copies are archived via the LSUHSC Dental Library homepage *link removed* under *Library Explorer*.

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