

# WebReview™ Medical Matrix <http://www.medmatrix.org>

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The main link table appears on every page on the top. From there you can directly jump to Medline search, Stat search (contains different ways to search) Textbooks (are reviewed and can be bought online), Continuing Medical Education, Clinical searches, Research assistant, Symposia on the web, News, Journals, Patient education and Classifieds. Whether you need specific information to purpose can specific you hyperlinked categories.

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Medical Matrix is an interface that provides access to digital clinical medicine documents that can be utilized during the time span of a patient visit. It is an academic informatics effort that is contributing to a global initiative to create a "Multimedia Clinical Medicine Database for the 21st Century." I would highly recommend this site for people who want to regularly update their skills and knowledge.