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# Health Sciences Information Service

## Alaska's Medical Library



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### Focus on resources for Alaskans



The **Databases for Alaskans** project was developed by libraries statewide with funding support from the Alaska State Legislature. It gives Alaskan residents **free** access to 23 distinct databases, which range from general to specialized topics for all ages. There are now eight medical databases, since the addition of *Clinical Pharmacology* and *Alt HealthWatch*. *Clinical Pharmacology* contains current, concise and clinically-relevant drug monographs for all U.S. prescription drugs, herbal and nutritional supplements, over-the-counter products and new drugs. *Alt HealthWatch* focuses on complementary and holistic health care and wellness. It provides full text articles, conference papers, association and consumer newsletters plus hundreds of pamphlets, special reports, and original research. For the full lineup, of databases, descriptions and access, go to:

<http://www.lib.uaa.alaska.edu/database/>

#### Anticipating SARS in Alaska

In a press release, April 2nd, Governor Murkowski advised, "We are prepared and the Alaska Division of Public Health has an action plan to coordinate all agencies' actions in the event of a suspected SARS case in Alaska. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep the public informed."

For a current update on the status of SARS in Alaska, other primary SARS links, and information on current health issues in Alaska, visit <http://www.akepi.org/>

#### Tune in to TV programs on current health issues

The Alaska Public Health Training Network (APHTN) is a distance learning system targeted at healthcare workers. Based out of Alaska Primary Care and Rural Health, APHTN brings a wide range of programs to Alaskans on hot topics such as anthrax, suicide prevention, hypertension management and

cross-cultural communication in health care settings. The format includes a lecture followed by responses to viewer questions by an expert panel.

APHTN broadcasts a program every Thursday morning between 9 and 11:30 am over channels receiving the UAS Ak3 signal, e.g. Channel 9 in Anchorage. Visit APHTN's website at <http://www.chems.alaska.gov/phtn/> for access information, program listings and other useful links relating to emergency preparedness.

These programs can be used by healthcare workers for continuing education credit.

#### STAT!Ref Survey Reminder

STAT!Ref is an online library of medical reference books for all Alaskans. We need your help to decide which titles to include.

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