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## HEALTH CARE LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE

(NU121, SY365, SW335, SW340)

### INTRODUCTION

Health care law encompasses a number of areas of law, including disability law, elder law, hospital law and mental health law. It also encompasses laws and regulations relating to the Social Security Disability program, Medicare and Medicaid, and the Food and Drug Administration. NU121 exams ethical reasoning and decision-making in relation to moral, legal and professional standards. SY365, SW340 explore the legal aspects of the use, abuse of alcohol and drugs. Most print sources (such as books, periodicals) related to Health Care Law are located on 9<sup>th</sup> floor & 10<sup>th</sup> floor in Houston Cole Library. Electronic sources (such as databases) can be accessed via computer stations on each floor.

### PRINT SOURCES

Books are important sources of basic information on a topic, providing necessary definitions, background information, and historical information. Books provide a foundation for research which can be supplemented by more current information from periodical articles. Books may also contain useful bibliographies which may lead to additional sources of research. When looking for books, consult the Library of Congress Subject Headings to select the proper term(s) to use as subjects under "Find Books (Library Catalog <http://library.jsu.edu/>)." The following table shows medical legislation in the Library of Congress System:

|             |  |             |   |
|-------------|--|-------------|---|
| KF3821      | Medical Legislation/General                        | KF3823      | Patients' Rights/Health Facilities and Services |
| KF3825      | Licensing/Liability/Planning                       | KF3826      | Other Health Services                           |
| KF3827      | Special Topics (Behavior modification, and etc.)   | KF3828      | The Mentally Ill                                |
| KF3829      | Disorders of Character, Behavior, and Intelligence | KF3891-3894 | Drug Laws                                       |
| KF3895      | Drug Paraphernalia                                 | KF3896      | Cosmetics                                       |
| KF3946-3946 | General/Hazardous Waste Disposal                   | KF3965      | Automobiles/Motor Vehicles                      |

Some related books are:

*Legal and Ethical Aspects of Healthcare* (Call Number: KF3821 .M35x 2003)

*Health, the Medical Profession, and Regulation* (Call Number: RA 410.5 .H43 1998)

*American Bioethics: Crossing Human Rights and Health Law Boundaries* (Call Number: K 3240 .A56 2005)

*The U.S. Supreme Court and Medical Ethics: from Contraception to Managed Health Care* (Call Number: KF 3821 .H55 2004)

*Health Policymaking in the United States* (E-book)

*Strange Bedfellows How Medical Jurisprudence has Influenced Medical Ethics and Medical Practice* (E-book)

*Law in the Health and Human Services: A Guide for Social Workers, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, and Related Professionals* (Call Number: KF3821.D53 1995)

JSU students can also use ALLIES (Alabama Libraries Exchange Services, <http://library.jsu.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?PAGE=dbPage>) to borrow circulating books from UAB Sterne Library, University of Alabama, Auburn University, Auburn University at Montgomery, either on-site with the student ID or by requesting the items through the library catalog.

## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Current print issues of periodicals to which the Library subscribes can be found at the Current Periodical Section on 10<sup>th</sup> floor. Older print issues of magazines and journals, usually bound into complete years or volume numbers, are located in the 10<sup>th</sup> floor Bound Periodical Section. You can also use Library subscribed electronic databases (<http://www.jsu.edu/library/resources/>) to identify articles on particular topics in magazines, journals, and newspapers. The following are commonly used databases for health care law:

| Database Title            | Description   | Full Text? |
|---------------------------|---|------------|
| Academic Search Elite     | Journal articles in all subject areas.  | Yes        |
| America: History and Life | Historical coverage of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present.                               | No         |
| CQ Researcher             | Social sciences, economics, and political science.  | Yes        |
| Expanded Academic ASAP    | Scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers  | Yes        |
| GPO Access                | U.S. Congressional and government publications.   | Yes        |
| LegalTrac                 | Articles in all major law reviews, law journals, specialty law and bar association journals and legal newspapers. | Yes        |
| Omini File                | Full text articles, page images, article abstracts, and citations from over 4,000 journals.                       | Yes        |
| ProQuest Databases        | U.S. and international news sources.  | Yes        |
| Campus Research (Westlaw) | Federal and state statutes, administrative codes, cases, encyclopedias, law reviews                               | Yes        |

Some electronic journals are:

*Journal of Health Care Law & Policy*

*Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics: A Journal of the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics*

*Faulkner & Gray's Medicine & Health*

*Journal of Law and Health*

*Issues in Law & Medicine*

*Journal of Legal Medicine*

*Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*

*American Journal of Law & Medicine*

*DePaul Journal of Health Care Law*

## OTHER SOURCES

Related Acts:

*Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)* (Public Law 101-336)

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973* (Public Law 93-112)

*Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) of 1968* (Public Law 90-480)

*Nursing Home Reform Act (NHRA) of 1987* (Public Law 100-203)

*The Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990* (Public Law 101-508)  
*Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1962* (Public Law 87-781)  
*Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act* (EMTALA) as part of the *Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act* "COBRA" of 1986 (Public Law 99-272)  
*Social Security Act* (Public Law 74-271)  
*The "Patient Bill of Rights" as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986* (Public Law 99-272)

Workplace Safety: An Overview ([http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/workplace\\_safety.html](http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/workplace_safety.html)): Including link to Federal and State Statutes, Regulations, and Judicial Decisions.

Medicare Law: An Overview (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/medicare.html>): Including link to Federal and State Statutes, Regulations, and Judicial Decisions, key Internet sources are also available.

Medicaid Law: An Overview (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/medicaid.html>): Including link to Federal and State Statutes, Regulations, and Judicial Decisions, key Internet sources are also available.

Food and Drug Law: An Overview ([http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/food\\_drugs.html](http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/food_drugs.html)): Including link to Federal and State Statutes, Regulations, and Judicial Decisions.

Health Law: An Overview (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/health.html>): Including link to Federal and State Statutes, Regulations, and Judicial Decisions, Internet sources are also available.

The Center for Law and the Public's Health (<http://www.publichealthlaw.net>): A primary, national resource on public health law, ethics, and policy for public health practitioners, lawyers, legislators, policy-makers, and others.

Health Hippo (<http://hippo.findlaw.com/hippohome.html>): A collection of policy and regulatory materials related to health care, with some graphics sprinkled in.

Internet Law Library Health and Safety Law (<http://www.lawguru.com/ilawlib/103.htm>): Originally provided to the public courtesy of the United States House of Representatives Law Revision Counsel Office, it provides the links to the full text acts, regulations, and etc.