



# Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

## HEALTH CARE LAW: A Selective Research Guide

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### Overview:

This research guide is selective and attempts to provide sources on the topic of health law research. It is not comprehensive in scope or intended to be a catchall source, but rather to act as a starting point for the researcher to find additional sources and relevant information. At its core, the guide attempts to lead the researcher to up-to-date items held by the Cooley libraries. Annotations provide brief descriptions and do not purport to serve as critiques or endorsements of the titles' contents or authority.

### I. ENCYCLOPEDIAS

#### American Law Reports: ALR

**Location:** KF132 .2 .A47

The ALR offers in-depth articles on various topics of the law, including an analysis of the law, relevant case law by state, links to statutes, rules, regulations, and KeyCite references. The articles purport to provide objective analysis of both sides of an issue, as well as prefatory statements, detailed outlines, practice pointers and cautions.

#### American Jurisprudence: Am Jur 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Location:** KF8933 .A42 1988

Am Jur provides coverage on various legal topics, including federal, state, civil, criminal, substantive and procedural. The alphabetically arranged articles provide direct leads to supporting cases, annotations, forms and proofs. Some of the more relevant topics are: Drugs and Controlled Substances; Health; Hospitals and Asylums; Insurance; Physicians, Surgeons and Other Healers; and Social Security and Medicare.

#### Corpus Juris Secundum: CJS

**Location:** KF154 .C56

CJS provides coverage of more than 400 legal topics and allows users to locate cases from across the country that have taken positions on a topic. These cases are arranged according to jurisdiction, making it easier for the user to find local authority. Some of the most relevant topics are Drugs and



Narcotics; Health and Environment; Hospitals; Insurance; Physicians, Surgeons, and other Health-Care Providers; Social Security and Public Welfare.

## II. MEDICAL REFERENCE SOURCES

### **Attorney's Illustrated Medical Dictionary**

**Location: R121 .A88 2002**

This reference resource contains over 30,000 definitions of medical terms, as well as synonyms, pronunciation, and references to additional information. Also included are over 35,000 single-concept illustrations to enhance the readers' understanding of the related word.

### **Attorney's Medical Advisor/Atlas**

**Location: RA1051 .R872**

With over 600 full-color illustrations this resource assists readers in understanding complicated medical subjects. Conditions and procedures are also cross-referenced, and insight is provided on matters that could complicate a condition, affect long-term prognosis, or have special significance.

### **Health Care Directives: Oceana's Legal Almanac Series Law for the Layperson**

**Location: R726.2 .J37 2007**

This health care reference source discusses the patient's right to participate in health care decisions, the meaning of a living will and durable power of attorney for health care; explains the meaning of an "Advance Directive"; lists landmark right-to-die cases, and explains the Patient Self-Determination Act, the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act, Physician Assisted Suicide and Anatomical Donations.

### **Lawyer's Medical Cyclopeda of Personal Injuries and Allied Specialties**

**Location: RA1022 .U6 L382**

This resource provides extensive information and case law on various medical and surgical specialties, as well as a bibliography of references to medical journals, law review articles, American Law Reports, and summaries of state and federal appellate decisions.

### **Physician's Desk Reference**

**Location: RM671 .A1 P48**

The PDR is a compilation of manufacturers' prescribing information for various prescription and over-the-counter medications. The PDR includes information on both generic and brand name drugs, as well as treatment options, drug interactions, and herbal supplements. The public can also use PDR Health online, which can be found at <http://www.pdrhealth.com/home/home.aspx>.

### **Stedman's Medical Dictionary**

**Location: R121 .S8 2000**

Stedman's provides readers with definitions that have been reviewed by numerous medical experts. Also included are anatomical definitions, veterinary medicine terminology as related to human medicine, as well as over 1050 images and tables.

## III. NUTSHELLS

### **Federal Disability Law in a Nutshell**

**Location: KF480.Z9 T83 2004**



Provides an overview of federal disability laws, emphasizing the statutes, regulations, and significant points of substantive and procedural law. Topics included are: the federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA); constitutional rights; definition of “disabled”; Rehabilitation Act of 1973; employment discrimination; programs & services; and housing, education and services.

### **Health Care Law and Ethics in a Nutshell**

**Location: KF3821 .Z9 H35 1999**

This nutshell discusses elder care law, including ethical considerations and decision making issues pertaining to this topic. In addition, the following topics are also covered: Medicare, Medigap, Medicaid, long-term care issues, living arrangements, benefits, elder abuse, neglect and age discrimination.

### **HIPAA in a Nutshell**

**Location: KF3827 .R4 C34 2004**

In addition to discussing compliance with HIPAA privacy regulations, this resource provides an analysis of the standards for privacy of individuals’ health information, as well as information on final data security regulations.

### **Medical Liability in a Nutshell**

**Location: KF2905.3 Z9 B68 2003**

This source provides insight into medical liability law, including such topics as negligence based claims, intentional torts, causation, damages, affirmative defenses, limitations, immunities and liabilities.

## **IV. MICHIGAN GUIDES, TREATISES AND HORNBOOKS**

### **Handling Medical Negligence Cases in Michigan**

**Location: KFM4526.3 B62 2004**

This resource discusses the initial evaluation of a case, discovery tools and tactics in medical negligence cases, hospital corporate liability and institution negligence, expert witnesses, settlement strategies, ethical considerations in medical negligence cases, and hot topics and trends.

### **Medical Records for Michigan Attorneys**

**Location: KFM4567.R4 A78 2004**

Provides an overview of how and where to get complete medical records, how to analyze and interpret medical records, organizing records for easy retrieval, how to use medical records during the pretrial phase, ethics and medical record confidentiality, and the effective use of medical records in court.

### **Nursing Home Malpractice in Michigan: Successful Case Management from Investigation to Trial**

**Location: KFM4563 .N8 C42 2003**

This guide examines nursing home malpractice in Michigan from both the plaintiff’s and defendant’s perspectives, discussing why nursing home cases are different, common claims, significant state and federal regulations, recent developments and putting defense techniques into practice.



## V. FEDERAL GUIDES, TREATISES AND HORNBOOKS

### **Antitrust Health Care Handbook**

**Location: KF3825.Z9 A57 2004**

This guide discusses the application of antitrust laws as they apply to health care issues, including the most current issues in the field, upcoming issues, and citations to unpublished government materials. It is filled with influential federal antitrust enforcement agencies' statements regarding the enforcement of policy in health care, including business review and staff advisory opinion letters and important court decisions that have reshaped health care antitrust law.

### **Attorneys Medical Deskbook**

**Location: RA1018 .T462**

This resource assists in analyzing the use and effects of various drugs. It also provides the following: medical abbreviations; medical definitions; symbols used in the medical field; descriptions of medical laboratory and imaging tests; explanation of how to interpret medical records; test methods, purposes, and results for various diagnostic tests; and how to prepare expert witnesses.

### **Fundamentals of Health Law**

**Location: KF3821 .F86 2000**

A comprehensive resource covering the complex field of health law, this book tackles basic issues pertaining to health law practice, including: patient issues, facility issues, permits and regulations, and compliance issues, as well as new issues raised by recent laws and regulations.

### **Guide to HIPAA Security and the Law**

**Location: KF 3827 .R4 G85 2007**

HIPAA Security Rule's and guidance for implementing HIPAA security are discussed, as well as the risks of non-compliance, the enforcement mechanisms, and the prospects for litigation.

### **Health Care Policy and Politics A to Z**

**Location: RA395.A3 R685 2003**

Written in layman's terms and focusing on Congress, where policy is made, this comprehensive book explains the jargon used in debating health policy issues in the highly controversial field of health care. Information is arranged alphabetically in the table of contents and covers topics from Abortion to Zidovudin. Also, numerous appendices provide information on additional topics, such as a listing of the Congressional Committees Responsible for Health Care Policy, as well as various organizations that can provide additional information.

### **Health Law**

**Location: KF3821 .H4343 2000**

Provides an overview of health care law in the United States and covers professional regulation, malpractice litigation, government regulations and efforts to curb costs through Medicare and Medicaid, as well as legal and ethical issues involving death, human reproduction, medical treatment decisions and medical research.

### **HIPAA and Research**

**Location: KF3827 .R4 B67 2005**

This pamphlet provides a general overview of HIPAA rules as well as its research related provisions. Issues discussed include: authorization; Protected Health Information review; limited data sets; and minimum disclosure requirements.



## **HIPAA: The Questions You Didn't Know To Ask**

**Location: KF 3827 .R4 M48 2004**

This guide provides answers to the most commonly asked questions regarding HIPAA, disclosure issues, administrative requirements, documentation policies and more.

## **Hornbook on Health Law**

**Location: KF3821 .H4343 1995**

The Hornbook on Health Law provides a general overview of health law in the United States, discussing the law's responses to quality and error through regulation, as well as malpractice litigation against professionals, hospitals, and managed care organizations. In addition, the government's efforts to control costs through Medicare and Medicaid are examined, including the government's efforts to police anticompetitive activities, fraud, and abuse. Also discussed are legal issues involving death, human reproduction, medical treatment decision making, and medical research.

## **Law of Healthcare Administration**

**Location: KF3825 .S65 2004eb**

This electronic book examines health law in the United States, covering topics from the basic structure of the court system to the legal responsibilities of healthcare organizations to the specific liabilities that come with healthcare. Also included are discussions pertaining to recent high-profile areas, such as HIPAA, abortion, and withholding life-sustaining treatment.

## **Legal Issues in Healthcare Fraud and Abuse**

**Location: KF9368 .V35 2006**

This guidebook discusses the government enforcement agencies overseeing healthcare issues, as well as the major laws and activities that are often the subject of healthcare fraud investigations. An overview of the state counterparts to the federal laws is provided on subjects such as self-referrals, anti-kickback issues, false claims and private initiatives. Also addressed are two major areas in healthcare fraud: corporate compliance efforts and managed care, both of which have seen tremendous growth in recent years.

## **Major Health Care Policies: 50 State Profiles**

**Location: RA395.A3 M35**

Focusing on the top 10 most important programs in health care, this practical guide discusses the health care laws and regulations enacted throughout the 50 states. Also discussed is how the current health care policy changes may impact future policy. This resource also provides comparison charts of each state's health care legislative actions for certain categories each year.

## **Mason and McCall Smith's Law and Medical Ethics**

**Location: K3601 .M38 2006**

This book provides an overview of medical ethics and the impact of law, especially how the court system is currently shaping this area. It also provides comparisons of how medical ethics are addressed in the United States as compared to European nations.

## **Medical Law and Ethics**

**Location: KF3821 .F74 2006**

Written for non-lawyer healthcare professionals, this straightforward resource discusses the patient/physician relationship, professional liability, medical malpractice prevention, medical records, confidentiality, bioethical issues, and HIPAA. This issue also includes full-color images to help



explain concepts, integrated case studies illustrating real-world examples of legal issues in medical settings, as well as legal citations to assist with in-depth research.

### **Medical Law, Ethics, and Bioethics for the Health Professions**

**Location:** KF3821 .L485 2007

This book discusses emerging ethical issues and provides information on legal concepts, laws, ethical issues, and bioethics as they affect today's healthcare professionals.

### **Medical Terminology Demystified**

**Location:** R123 .L363 2006 eb

This e-book covers the foundations of medical terminology by defining and describing the basic terms of disease and injury, abnormal anatomy, surgical techniques, drugs, therapies as they relate to real, practical health issues.

### **Problems in Health Care Law**

**Location:** KF3825 .M53 2006

This text provides an overview of the legal system, covering liability issues, financing and payment issues, insurance coverage, and patient relationships, as well as the physical and staffing resources needed to provide effective health care. In addition, it analyzes the public policies relating to the health care industry and suggests legal solutions to these problems.

### **Readings in Comparative Health Law and Bioethics**

**Location:** K3601 .J67 2007

This resource discusses four major areas of health law: health care organization and finance, the obligations of health care professionals and institutions to patients, bioethics, and public health law. The discussions for each topic include cases, statutes, and readings. It focuses on how the law, legal systems and legal institutions influence health care. Also included are sources of information from Europe, Japan and other developing countries.

### **Treatise on Health Care Law**

**Location:** KF3821 .T74 1991

This relied upon resource discusses a broad range of health care topics, including: corporate and administrative issues; health care payment systems and HIPAA; relationship of individuals to health care organizations; reimbursement and payment; financial issues; liability; patient rights; and mental health law.

## **VI. JOURNALS**

### **Health Lawyer**

**Location:** KF3821 .A15 H39

Published by the ABA Health Law Section, this bi-monthly online magazine provides information on the health law field, including an analysis of key issues.

### **Journal of Health & Life Sciences Law**

**Location:** KF3825 .A59 H67

This journal provides practical information on health and life sciences.



## **Medical Trial Technique Quarterly**

**Location:** K13 . E315

This resource provides readers with up-to-date articles involving medico-legal or medically related issues. Each issue contains examples of techniques to use at trial with medical and expert witnesses, motions, and opening and closing statements.

## **VII. ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

### **ADAM Medical Encyclopedia**

**Location:** <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/encyclopedia.html>

Affiliated with MedlinePlus through the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health, this medical encyclopedia provides access to over 4000 articles about diseases, tests, symptoms, injuries and surgeries. In addition, numerous illustrations and photographs are available as well. Users are able to browse the encyclopedia alphabetically by the first letter of the topic.

### **American Bar Association: Health Law Section**

**Location:** <http://www.abanet.org/health>

ABA Health Law eSource provides current information pertaining to health law new, meetings and CLE information, interest groups, publications, educational opportunities resources and the ABA Journal Blawg Directory.

### **DMOZ Open Directory Project: Health Education**

**Location:** [http://www.dmoz.org/Health/Education/Patient\\_Education](http://www.dmoz.org/Health/Education/Patient_Education)

The Open Directory Project is a website developed and maintained by volunteer editors. Their health glossary provides access to online reference materials, medical dictionaries, other glossaries, and guides to medical conditions.

### **Law Journal or Law Review Articles**

**Location:** [http://www.cooley.edu/library/public\\_service/electronic\\_resources.htm](http://www.cooley.edu/library/public_service/electronic_resources.htm)

Use online sources to obtain recent articles pertaining health care law. Both Lexis and Westlaw provide access to selected health law journals, although they may have only articles from 1985 to the present, or so, depending on the database. You can search in their health related databases, including Medline, although you may also want to search in all journals available in both Lexis and Westlaw because relevant articles may have been published in non-health related journals. You can access these databases by:

**Lexis**>Legal>Area of Law by Topic>Health Care> Search Analysis>Law Reviews & Journals

**Westlaw**>Directory>Health & Medicine>Law Reviews, Legal Texts & Periodicals

### **Legal Trac (formerly LRI)**

**Location:** [http://www.cooley.edu/library/public\\_service/electronic\\_resources.htm](http://www.cooley.edu/library/public_service/electronic_resources.htm)

Select "Electronic Resources" under Quick Links on the left side of the library catalog's home page. The Legal Trac database provides access to over 700 legal journals, including some that pertain to the health care industry.

### **MedicineNet.com Medical Dictionary**

**Location:** <http://www.medterms.com/Script/Main/hp.asp>

MedicineNet.com provides definitions of key medical terms. Users can either search for their term of choice or explore medical terms alphabetically. In addition, users have access to topic specific information on various medical conditions, WebMD Symptomchecker, Daily Health News, Health News of the Week, and Health & Living Updates.



**Medline on First Search**

**Location:** [http://www.cooley.edu/library/public\\_service/electronic\\_resources.htm](http://www.cooley.edu/library/public_service/electronic_resources.htm)

You may access this resource from the home page of the Coolcat catalog, <http://library.cooley.edu/>. Go to the "Electronic Resources" link under "Quick Links" and select "First Search." When choosing a database, select "Medline."

**PubMed: National Institutes of Health and the U.S. National Library of Medicine**

**Location:** <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez/>

PubMed provides access to numerous citations from biomedical literature, as well as links to websites, biological resources, consumer health information and research tools. PubMed provides access to MEDLINE, in process citations, publisher-supplied citations, a journals database, as well as Single Citation Matcher and Batch Citation Matcher. Users can search for information by topic, author or journal.

**World Health Organization Health Topics**

**Location:** <http://www.who.int/topics/en/>

The World Health Organization provides links to WHO projects, initiatives, activities, information products and contacts. Also included are links to related websites and publications.

**YourDictionary.com: Medical Dictionary Information**

**Location:** <http://www.yourdictionary.com/>

YourDictionary.com provides links to online medical dictionaries, glossaries and reference sites that have been chosen by the YourDictionary editors.

