

Refer to this table for handy at-a-glance comparison of specific features of NYU Medical Center in-house patient education content.
 Which product has the features that can help meet your patient's information need?

Product Name	Literacy Level of Patient Ed Content	Scope	Currency	Customize	Multilingual	Illustrations
Clinical Pharmacology Online	6 th - 8 th Grade	Specialized: Medications only	"Last revised: 2/9/2005"	Yes	Spanish	Color images of tablets
Healthgate (NYUMC Website - http://www.med.nyu.edu)	8 th - 10 th Grade	Broad: Procedures Diseases & Conditions	"Last reviewed" date range: 2003-2004	No	No	Full color illustrations
MDConsult	6 th - 9 th Grade	Broad: Medications Procedures Diseases & Conditions	c2004-c2005	Yes, with personal log-in	Spanish	Line Drawings
Micromedex	6 th Grade	Broad: Medications Procedures Diseases & Conditions	"expires 9/2005"	Yes	Spanish	Full color illustrations
UpToDate	12 th Grade	Broad: Diseases & Conditions	c2005	No	No	No
NYU Medical Center Patient Handouts (http://pfrc.med.nyu.edu/handouts/)	6 th - 9 th Grade	Broad: Medications Procedures Diseases & Conditions	2000-2005	Some	Limited Spanish Chinese (HICUP)	Line drawings

All resources are available through the Ehrman Library homepage (<http://library.med.nyu.edu/>) unless otherwise indicated.

NOTE: The Rapid Estimate of Adult Literacy in Medicine (REALM-R) is an 8-item instrument designed to rapidly screen patients for potential health literacy problems. For more information, see the article: Bass PF 3rd, Wilson JF, Griffith CH. **A shortened instrument for literacy screening.** J Gen Intern Med. 2003 Dec;18(12):1036-8. (Fulltext available via Ehrman Medical Library E-journals.)

The article, **Health Literacy: Report of the Council on Scientific Affairs.** (JAMA. 1999 Feb 10;281(6):552-7. Available fulltext through Ehrman Library e-journals) also includes informal tips on assessing a patient's literacy level.