

Nepalese Medical Websites: Online Nepalese Medical libraries

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A revolution of the 20th century was the invention of the World Wide Web (www) for publicizing the information through Internet. Tim Berners Lee introduced it in 1991, which is called hypertext link (computer code). Through the usage of hypertext link the web allows its users to link the word, pictures and sound. One of the useful functions on the web is the ability to access and download information. The usage of the Internet took off from on as it became possible to find and view information. The Internet is a vast international network of electronic system that links host computer and users in a digital web.

Everybody should know in detail about the meaning of "information literacy" for getting the right information at the right time. Basically the website is prepared for doing the advertisement of various activities of individuals and institutions. Really the every piece of information helps to guide for smooth running to our daily activities.

Generally Nepalese medical website may be also one of the resourceful online and digital public medical library from where we can access and download the medical information with the help of Internet. These sites may help everybody for fulfilling needed medical information. Here simple introduction is given about Nepalese medical websites.

1. HealthNet–Nepal (www.healthnet.org.np):

It is a non-governmental organization, housed at HLMC of Institute of Medicine at TU (IoM) and affiliated with the IoM. It provides the affordable Internet services, access to health information and technical support to the Nepalese health community. It also provides the national and international health related literatures and information in the digested form but we should be the members of HealthNet for getting Internet service. We can access in the full text of the following Nepalese documents:

- a. Annotated Health Science Bibliography of Nepal form 1950.
- b. Journal of Institute of Medicine
- c. Kathmandu University Medical Journal
- d. Journal of Nepal Medical Association
- e. Journal of Nepal Paediatrics Association
- f. Nepal Health Related Information Resources
e.g.

- i. Health statistics
- ii. Seminar Reports
- iii. Technical Reports
- iv. Ph.D. and Master Degree Thesis

2. Nepal Health Research Council (www.nhrc.org.np):

It was developed as an example of the commitment of His Majesty's Government to promote scientific study and quality health research in Nepal in 1982 and established as autonomous body on the 12th April 1991.

The main objectives are as:

- a. To provide the technical assistance to researchers in developing quality research proposals.
- b. To promote the study and research on existing health problems.
- c. To collect the information about studies, researchers and works on various problems relating to health in the world and to inform HMG.
- d. To provide information support to research scholars.
- e. To promote the ethical health research.

3. Nepal Medical Association (www.nma.org.np):

Nepal Medical Association is professional society of doctors, looking after only the service condition but the academic and research activities, established in 1951 (20th Falgun 2007 B.S) with 20 medical doctors. It is situated in Sidhibhawan Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu. It has been publishing the medical journal JNMA that can be accessed through this site.

4. Nursing Association of Nepal: (www.nursingassoc.org.np)

Nursing Association of Nepal (NAN) is an only one professional organization of the nurses in Nepal. It is a non-political, non-sectoral organization not influenced by the class and religion. It is determined to provide quality-nursing service to the people in order to protect and promote the professional rights and interest of all Nurses in the kingdom of Nepal. It was established in B.S. 2018 Magh 15 (1962 A.D.)

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with the Regd. No 8/018 and became a member of International Council of Nurses (ICN) Geneva in 1969 AD. Initial it was registered as Trained Nurses Association of Nepal (TNAN). By the third amendment of its constitution on 2047 BS, the name of association is changed and the organization shall be called "Nepal Nursing Sangh" in Nepali and "Nursing Association of Nepal" in English and abbreviated as NAN. The executive board is formed by election every 3 years

5. Association of Medical Doctors of Asia-Nepal (www.amda-nepal.org.np):

It was established in 1989 as a chapter of AMDA-International and officially registered in the government office as a NGO in 1990. Like its mother organization, AMDA-Nepal is also a humanitarian, non profit –making, non-political, non-sectarian non governmental organization working with mission to promote the health and well-being of the underprivileged and marginalized people under the slogan “ Better quality of life for better future”.

6. Nepal Medical Council (www.nmc.org.np)

It was at the time of the First All Nepal Medical Conference in 1963 that the Nepal Medical Association (NMA) requested by way of a resolution to HMG/N that a Nepal Medical Council Act and a Drug Control Act be passed. The Nepal Medical Council Act was ultimately passed in February 1964. A notification, which appeared in the Nepal Gazette of Bhadra 28th, 2022 BS stated

7. Nepal Paediatric Society (www.nmc.org.np)

Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS) is the professional, non-profit making, social welfare organization of the paediatricians of Nepal committed to strive for the overall development of the children of Nepal. Through support for child right issues, child health including preventive measures and professional upgrading and welfare of its members. The Society was established in 1981 A.D. by a group of paediatricians working in Nepal.

8. Mountain Medicine Society of Nepal (www.mmsn.org.np)

Mountain Medicine Society of Nepal (MMSN) is a non-profit making, non-governmental free organization. The physicians, scientists and an allied professional interested in mountain medicine and are basically formed to encourage research on all health aspects of mountains, mountain people and mountaineers.

9. Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (www.nnjs.org.np)

Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh established in 1978 as a

National Society for Comprehensive Eye Care under the Health Co-ordination Committee of the Social Services National Co-ordination Council. Later it was strengthened in 1980 as a full fledged non governmental social welfare organization dedicated to facilitate an easy approach to provide all the possible facilities with regard to the treatment of eye patients in Nepal.

The NNJS extends its co-operations towards the application and fulfillment of National Program and Policies of His Majesty's Government of Nepal aimed at the well being of the eye patients. The NNJS is a non-profit making, non-governmental, welfare oriented social organization to represent His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Social Welfare Council of Nepal in the sphere of eye care activities

10. Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust (www.msmt.org.np)

Mrigendra Samjhana Medical Trust was established by Dr. Mrigendra Raj Pandey in 1975. To finance the medical activities Dr. Pandey has donated a building situated in the heart of Kathmandu in an area called Jamal. As Jamal is in the commercial centre of Kathmandu, the premise is rented to various business houses. The income is used to buy medicines and pay for the services of doctors and helpers who go to the remote area of the country and treat the sick and disabled poor people. Dr. Pandey established the Trust with the hope that his token contribution would serve as a foundation on which bricks would be added by others making it a nationwide medical charity dedicated to philanthropic services.

11. Nepal Drug Review (www.nepaldrug.com):

This is the first medical website which provides a discussion forum for the medical and non-medical persons. It is developed and designed by Dr. Angel Magar. We can access so many health related information as medical websites, databases of medical books, journals (National and international renowned medical documents) etc. It also provides the information regarding the drugs produced by Nepali Pharmaceutical Companies. Not only so we can access all the field of health related information. Not only health related information, we can access the general information, which is very important for everybody.

12. Ministry of Health, Government of Nepal (www.moh.gov.np)

This website is the official site of Ministry of Health Government of Nepal. We can access lot of the health information from this site.

13 Patan Hospital (www.patanhospital.org.np)

The United Mission to Nepal Shanta Bhawan Hospital is the old name of Patan Hospital, established in 1956. It was shifted in Lagankhel in 1982 being called Patan Hospital. It is officially called the District Hospital of Lalitpur. It is the one of the leading hospitals of Nepal, which is appreciated in its management and services.

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15. SAARC Tuberculosis Centre (NTC) (www.saarctb.com.np):

SAARC Tuberculosis Centre is a Regional Centre of excellence, working for prevention and control of TB and HIV related Tuberculosis disease in the region. STC is coordinating the efforts of the National Tuberculosis Control Programmes (NTPs) of Member Countries and functioning since 1992.

16. INRUD, Nepal (International Network for Rational Use of Drugs) (www.inrud-nepal.org.np)

INRUD, Nepal is a multidisciplinary organization established in 1990 as a non-governmental organization. The mission of INRUD, Nepal is "Better health Through Research".

17. Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN): (www.fpan.org)

This association was established at Kathmandu in 1958 with the help of the Nepal Medical Association. It became a member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) in 1962. It has been providing about 25% of the family planning services plus supplementing those of the government since 1992. It also has activities to improve women's status and it running training programmes for income-generating skill.

18. Nepal Society of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (www.nesog.org.np):

Nepal Society of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists is the organization of gynaecologists and obstetrician of Nepal. It was established in 1982 with 46 founder members. It has received membership of Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetricians and gynaecologists (AFOG) in 1990.

19. America Nepal Foundation: (www.anmf.net)

The mission of ANMF is to promote the advancement of medical training and practice in Nepal. It is the U.S based non-profit organization. It is committed to supporting the Nepali people's ongoing efforts to enhance their health status. It will focus on improving the quality of medical care, medical education and medical research in Nepal.

The following websites are also health related Nepalese medical websites, which also provide us the health learning materials these are updated time to time. I also advise to log on these sites for making aware about the latest advancement in the field of medical of Nepal.

S/No	Name of Institutions/Org./Individuals	Websites
1	Bir Hospital	www.anmf.net/bir/html
2	Birendra Police Hospital	www.bph.org.np
3	BPKIHS	www.bpkis.edu
4	Britain Nepal Medical Trust	www.needinepal.org/BNMT.html
5	Cardiac Society of Nepal	www.cardiology.org.np
6	Hospice	www.hospicenepal.com
7	HELLIS Nepal Library	www.hellisnepal.gov.np
8	Institute of Medicine (IoM)	www.iom.edu.np
9	International Nepal Fellowship	www.inf.org
10	Janaki Medical College	www.jmcedue.com

11	Kanti Children Hospital	www.kantihospital.org.np
12	Kathmandu Medical College	www.kmc.edu.np
13	Kathmandu University Medical Journal	www.kumj.com.np
14	Kathmandu University	www.ku.edu.np
15	Lions Club	www.lionsclub.org
16	Maternity Hospital	www.maternityhospital.org.np
17	Mother Infant Research Activity	www.mira.org.np
18	National Medical College	www.nmcbir.edu.np
19	National Zoonoses and Food Hygiene Research Centre	www.nzfhrc.org.np
20	Nepal Cancer Society Relief	www.ncrs.org.np
21	Nepal Centre for Health Profession Education and Development	www.nehped.org.np
22	Nepal Medical College	www.nmcth.edu
23	Nepal Medical College Journal	www.nmcj.org.np
24	Nepal Medical Students' Society	www.nmss.org.np
26	Nepal Optometry Students' Society	www.nossnepal.tripod.com
27	Nepal Red Cross Society	www.nmjs.org.np
28	Nepalgunj Medical College	www.nmcg.edu.np
29	Neuroscience Forum	www.neuroscienceforum.org.np
30	Prof. Dr. Hemang Dixit	www.hdixit.org.np
31	Prof. Dr. Ishwor Lal Shrestha	www.ilshrestha.com.np
32	Prof. Dr. Puspa Raj Sharma	www.prsharma.com.np
33	Society of Surgeon of Nepal	www.ssn.org.np
	Susma Koirala Memorial Foundation	
34	The Himalayan Trust	www.ashopone.co.uk/Himalayan/Himalayan_trust.html
35	Tribhuvan University	www.tribhuvan-university.edu.np
36	TU Central Library	www.tucl.org.np (Counter co-ordinator of PEERI and ISBN)
37	Unicef-Nepal	www.unicer.org/infobycountry/nepal.html
38	United Mission to Nepal	www.umn.org.np
39	Universal College of Medical Sciences	www.ucmsoline.com
40	WHO-Nepal	www.who.int/countries/npl/en

We know that the person who can get the right information at the right time, she/he will success in every activities. At the situation the website may be the appropriate tools for everybody to access the right information basically for researchers who are busy. I think Nepalese medical websites may minimise the time to get the right information for who need. This type of communication technology is developed in the western world for disseminating the information basically doing advertisement of individuals and institutes even though in the contest of Nepal, Nepalese medical site is the modern medical library for the medical professionals.

To sharpen the knowledge for health researchers, these above mentioned sites might be fruitful and appropriate weapon. I suggest visiting these sites in detail for sharpening your knowledge in the field of health science. In this situation, Nepalese medical sites may be the resourceful online medical libraries of Nepal.

Here are some Nepalese governmental websites which may be useful for all who are interested to get the right information about government of Nepal.

S/No	Descriptions	Websites
1	Commission for the Investigation of Abuse Authority, Nepal	www.akhtiyar.org.np
2	Department of Archaeology, Nepal	www.doa.gov.np
3	Department of Education ,Nepal	www.doe.gov.np
4	Department of Immigration, Nepal	www.immi.gov.np
5	Department of Information, Nepal	www.hmgofnepal.gov.np
6	Department of Mines and Geology, Nepal	www.dmgnepal.gov.np
7	Financial Controller General Office, Nepal	www.fcgo.gov.np
8	Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative, Nepal	www.moac.gov.np
9	Ministry of Culture ,Tourism and Civil Aviation, Nepal	www.tourism.gov.np
10	Ministry of Education and Sports, Nepal	www.moe.gov.np
11	Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, Nepal	www.most.gov.np
12	Ministry of Finance, Nepal	www.mof.gov.np
13	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nepal	www.mofa.gov.np
14	Ministry of General Administration, Nepal	www.moga.gov.np
15	Ministry of Home Affairs, Nepal	www.moha.gov.np
16	Ministry of Industry ,Commerce and Supplies, Nepal	www.moics.gov.np
17	Ministry of Information and Communication, Nepal	www.moic.gov.np
18	Ministry of Labour and Transport Management, Nepal	www.moltom.gov.np
19	Ministry of Local Development, Nepal	www.mld.gov.np
20	Ministry of Physical Planning and Work, Nepal	www.moppw.gov.np
21	National Human Right Commission ,Nepal	www.nhrc-nepal.org
22	National Planning Commission, Nepal	www.npc.gov.np
23	Office of the Attorney General of the Kingdom of Nepal	www.attorneygeneral.gov.np
24	Office of the Auditor Genera of the Kingdom of Nepal	www.oagnep.gov.np
25	Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Nepal	www.pmo.gov.np
26	Parliament Secretariat, Nepal	www.parliament.gov.np
27	Public Service Commission, Nepal	www.pscnepal.gov.np
28	Supremcourt of Nepal, Nepal	www.supremcourt.gov.np

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 - www.mednepal.com
 - www.google.com,
 - www.yahoo.com;
 - www.bmj.com
 - www.pubmed.com