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Wikipedia	Online encyclopaedia.	Volunteers, could be anyone	Quick information on a certain topic, reliability is questionable.	Yes
Thuisarts.nl (in Dutch)	Medical information for patients	The Dutch Society of general practitioners (NHG)	Easily understandable information about specific diseases. Useful when explaining things to patients.	Yes
MedlinePlus (https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/)	Health information website for patients, families and other consumers	U.S. National Library of medicine	Basic information on many different health topics and medication.	Yes
UpToDate (www.uptodate.com)	Evidence based reviews of medical conditions.	Physician authors, editors and peer reviewers.	Background information as well as detailed information on pathofysiology, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment.	No. RU students can access with their RU-account.
Trip database (tripdatabase.com)	Clinical search engine		For quickly answering clinical, PICO-based questions.	Yes, although the articles might not be. RU students can access full-text articles with their RU-account.
PubMed	Database of professional biomedical literature from life science journals and online books.	Funded by US government. Articles are manually indexed and subjected to quality control.	Tutorials can be found on: http://ru.nl.libguides.com/medbib/portal Or https://xot.ru.nl/play.php?template_id=198 Or https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/viewlet/search/subject/subject.htm	No. RU students can access with their RU-account.
PubMed Health	Patient information site of PubMed	National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) at the U.S. National Library of Medicine.	Basic information as well as guidelines on many different health topics.	Yes.
Cochrane library (www.cochranelibrary.com)	Database of systemic reviews	Articles are reviewed by professional editors.	Good source for systemic reviews.	No. RU students can access with their RU-account.