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Even a brief session of “web browsing” yields a stunning number of sites providing information and support on health and illness. Ten years ago, a mere patient or lay person needed special permission (if this could be obtained at all) to use a hospital medical library. Now an almost overwhelming amount of information is there for the taking. As seen in some of the pieces in this issue, the Internet is revolutionizing the doctor-patient relationship, and giving new meaning to the concept of “informed.” Here are a few sites germane to the topics discussed in this issue — and an extra or two.

American Health Decisions —
www.ahd.org/ahd.html

Amputee Coalition of America —
A new web site is under development at amputee-coalition.org/draftsite. A joint announcement with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the creation of the National Limb Loss Information Center and its goals can be found at www.oandp.com/organiza/aca/limbloss.htm

Centers for Independent Living —
Many local centers have web sites. The “original” in Berkeley, California, is at www.ciberkeley.org/

HIV/AIDS — Many, many sites exist both nationally and internationally. The American Foundation for AIDS Research provides a long list of links to information and support at www.softdisc.com/customer/lucareli/hivlinks.html

Head Injury Hotline — www.headinjury.com/brain A very interesting, patient-advocacy-centered site providing “information and referrals, tools and maps.”

National Family Caregivers Association — www.ntcacares.org/

Post Polio — Polio Remember Your Strength Foundation provides extensive listings of educational and support services at www.prys.net/

Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion — www.wcla.org

Sarah Lawrence Health Advocacy — www.slac.edu/pages/h/health