

# Health News Sources

As you prepare for a career in healthcare, it is a good idea to keep up with news in the profession. You will especially need this as you ready yourself for interviews. Remember that many professional journals are available at a discounted price for students.

## Vetted Health News Sources

- [Kaiser Family Foundation](https://www.kff.org) specializes in health policy analysis. You can specify the areas that most interest you. Many good reports—especially about insurance issues. The State Health Facts section is also interesting to play with.  
<https://www.kff.org>
- [Medicaid State Fact Sheets](https://www.kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/) are also available at Kaiser Family Foundation. <https://www.kff.org/interactive/medicaid-state-fact-sheets/>
- And for a great health policy overview, try [KFF's Health Policy 101](https://www.kff.org/health-policy-101/). <https://www.kff.org/health-policy-101/>
- U.S. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health offers information on health issues through their [health.gov](https://www.health.gov) website. You can also learn about statements from the Surgeon General's Office.
- Interested in when the country observes *National People Who Sneeze a Lot Awareness Day*? If it existed, it would be on the list of [National Health Observances](https://odphp.health.gov/news/category/national-health-observances) at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) website.  
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- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html) (the MMWR) is a highly regarded publication of the Centers for Disease Control. This is where “reportable diseases” like AIDS and mumps are noted. CDC has also an app and the MMWR is available there. You can use the app, the website, or sign up for the weekly MMWR email. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html>
- Want other reports on infectious diseases and maintaining the integrity of our antimicrobials? [CIDRAP](https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/) (Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy) has a free daily newsfeed you can sign up for or read the latest news on the website.  
<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/>
- Need some animal health news? Sign up for the free American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) [Animal Health SmartBrief](https://www2.smartbrief.com/rest/sign-up/11CBD8B0-FC71-4976-8C95-B500B35EE6CE?campaign=in_brief_signup_link&utm_source=brief). [https://www2.smartbrief.com/rest/sign-up/11CBD8B0-FC71-4976-8C95-B500B35EE6CE?campaign=in\\_brief\\_signup\\_link&utm\\_source=brief](https://www2.smartbrief.com/rest/sign-up/11CBD8B0-FC71-4976-8C95-B500B35EE6CE?campaign=in_brief_signup_link&utm_source=brief)
- Also, for vet interview prep, try [DVM360](https://www.dvm360.com/) for current animal and vet practice news. <https://www.dvm360.com/>
- [FierceHealthcare](https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/) offers a free e-newsletter on healthcare policy (or read the website). <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/>
- If you want to read more about the lived experience of physicians, then [KevinMD](https://www.kevinmd.com/blog/) has a great blog and free newsletter at <https://www.kevinmd.com/blog/>
- [ScienceDaily](https://www.sciencedaily.com/news/top/health/) has a good selection of science and medical news available <https://www.sciencedaily.com/news/top/health/>
- [STAT Newsletters](https://www.statnews.com/signup/?utm_campaign=email_footer&utm_source=STAT+Newsletters&utm_campaign=7428eed0c3-Daily_Recap&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8cab1d7961-7428eed0c3-150076513) allow you to sign up for information on various topics. The full articles may not be available without a subscription (which is expensive), but you can learn a lot from the newsletters.  
[https://www.statnews.com/signup/?utm\\_campaign=email\\_footer&utm\\_source=STAT+Newsletters&utm\\_campaign=7428eed0c3-Daily\\_Recap&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_8cab1d7961-7428eed0c3-150076513](https://www.statnews.com/signup/?utm_campaign=email_footer&utm_source=STAT+Newsletters&utm_campaign=7428eed0c3-Daily_Recap&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8cab1d7961-7428eed0c3-150076513)
- [Goats and Soda](https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/) is from National Public Radio (NPR) and presents global issues including global health stories.  
<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/>

Some daily newspapers have strong health reporting. For example, the [New York Times Health](https://www.nytimes.com/section/health) has good health articles (though you are limited to how many you can view per month unless you subscribe) as does the [BBC News Health](https://www.bbc.com/news/health) and [The Guardian Health](https://www.theguardian.com/society/health).

- New York Times Health: <https://www.nytimes.com/section/health>
- BBC News Health: <https://www.bbc.com/news/health>
- The Guardian Health: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/health>

In general, you can often find interesting and reliable information at:

- [National Institutes of Health](https://www.nih.gov/) <https://www.nih.gov/>
- [Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov/) <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- [World Health Organizations](https://www.who.int/) <https://www.who.int/>

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## National Library of Medicine

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) houses the [National Library of Medicine](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/index.html). The NLM has fantastic online resources to look for articles and images. Browsing Images from the History of Medicine prints and photographs collection is educational and entertaining. <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/index.html>

## National Professional Organizations

National organizations of various professions typically have news items on their websites plus many provide pertinent policy watch information. On these websites, look for sections with names like advocacy, publications, research, policy, and news (of course). Search their websites for their social media and podcasts that might be of interest to you as well.

This is not an exhaustive list. If you know of an organization we should add, please email [preprofessional@purdue.edu](mailto:preprofessional@purdue.edu).

- [American Dental Association](https://www.ada.org/en): <https://www.ada.org/en>
- [National Dental Association](https://ndaonline.org/): <https://ndaonline.org/>
- [American Medical Association](https://www.ama-assn.org/): <https://www.ama-assn.org/>
- [National Medical Association](https://www.nmanet.org/): <https://www.nmanet.org/>
- [Association of American Indian Physicians](https://www.aaip.org/): <https://www.aaip.org/>
- [National Hispanic Medical Association](https://www.nhmamd.org/): <https://www.nhmamd.org/>
- [GLMA Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality](https://www.glma.org/): <https://www.glma.org/>
- [American Osteopathic Association](https://osteopathic.org/): <https://osteopathic.org/>
- [American Optometric Association](https://www.aoa.org/): <https://www.aoa.org/>
- [National Optometric Association](https://nationaloptometricassociation.com/): <https://nationaloptometricassociation.com/>
- [American Academy of Physician Assistants/Associates](https://www.aapa.org/): <https://www.aapa.org/>
- [American Veterinary Medical Association](https://www.avma.org/): <https://www.avma.org/>
- [American Physical Therapy Association](https://www.apta.org/): <https://www.apta.org/>
- [American Public Health Association](https://www.apha.org/): <https://www.apha.org/>
- [American Occupational Therapy Association](https://www.aota.org/): <https://www.aota.org/>
- [American Chiropractic Association](https://www.acatoday.org/): <https://www.acatoday.org/>
- [American Podiatric Medical Association](https://www.apma.org/): <https://www.apma.org/>
- [National Society of Genetic Counselors](https://www.nsgc.org/): <https://www.nsgc.org/>
- [American Pharmacist Association](https://www.pharmacist.com/): <https://www.pharmacist.com/>
- [American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants](https://www.anesthetist.org/): <https://www.anesthetist.org/>
- [American Association of Naturopathic Physicians](https://www.naturopathic.org/): <https://www.naturopathic.org/>
- [American Association of Pathologists' Assistants](https://www.pathassist.org/): <https://www.pathassist.org/>
- [National Athletic Trainers' Association](https://www.nata.org/): <https://www.nata.org/>
- [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association](https://www.asha.org/): <https://www.asha.org/>

## Ethical Case Examples

A great site to explore when preparing for interviews (or just out of interest) is the AMA Journal of Ethics—[Ethics Cases](https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/cases). This site explores a plethora of ethical issues in medicine. In the “Filter” box on the right of the page, you can search for cases by topic. <https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/cases>