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National Rehabilitation Awareness Week (third week in September)

nraf-rehabnet.org

Vocational Rehabilitation Offices

askjan.org/concerns/State-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Agencies.cfm?csSearch=2486598_1



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*Quick Picks from the
Librarians at the
National Rehabilitation
Information Center*

Information Resources to Find a Rehabilitation Center



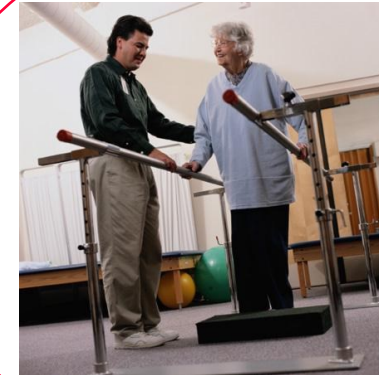
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Finding a Rehabilitation Center

In the weeks and months following an injury, stroke, or diagnosis of a chronic condition, people with disabilities and their families and caregivers will find themselves searching for a facility or individual provider for rehabilitation services. These may range from acute, inpatient rehabilitation to speech therapists or driver rehabilitation.

Collected here are the resources our information specialists use to find facilities for our patrons. Use this guide to find a facility or practitioner near you.



These and other resources are also available from our "browse by topic" webpage at www.naric.com!

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Finding Rehabilitation Facilities

Accrediting Bodies

Rehabilitation facilities are accredited by two main organizations. Both can help you locate accredited facilities in your area:

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)

Toll Free: 888/281-6531; 520/495-7080 (TTY)
Fax: 520/318-1129
carf.org

CARF International is an independent, non-profit accreditor of human service providers in the areas of aging services, behavioral health, child and youth services, DMEPOS, employment and community services, and medical rehabilitation. Use their search page to find inpatient and outpatient medical rehabilitation centers, brain injury centers, and other facilities and providers.



Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)

Phone: 630/792-5000
jointcommission.org

JCAHO is an independent, not-for-profit organization that evaluates and accredits health care organizations and programs in the U.S. To search for rehabilitation providers in your area, with their JCAHO ratings, visit qualitycheck.org.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Toll Free: 800/MEDICARE (633-4227)
medicare.gov

Medicare offers search tools to locate a physician, find suppliers of medical equipment, and compare hospitals and nursing homes in your area.

Guides to Choosing a Quality Pro-

gram

NRH Field Guide to Choosing a High Quality Medical Rehabilitation Program

search.naric.com/public/choosingquality.pdf

This guide was developed by National Rehabilitation Hospital and Boston University to help patients and their families evaluate rehabilitation facilities and choose the right program to fit their needs. It includes checklists, questions to ask, a glossary of terms, and information on insurance and Medicare/Medicaid. The guide is free to download or order from NARIC.

Guidelines for Selecting a SCI Rehab Facility United Spinal Association

Toll Free: 800/962-9629
spinalcord.org

Web site includes fact sheets, rehabilitation centers by state and state chapter information. View NSCIA's guidelines on choosing a rehab facility at askus-resource-center.unitedspinal.org/index.php?pg=kb.page&id=1717.

Guide to Choosing Stroke Rehabilitation Services American Stroke Association (NSA)

Toll Free: 800/242-8721
stroke.org/en/life-after-stroke/stroke-rehab/choosing-the-right-stroke-rehab-facility

US News and World Report Top Hospitals

health.usnews.com/best-hospitals

Each year US News and World Reports issues rankings for top US hospitals by specialty, including rehabilitation. For information on the selection and rating methodology, see health.usnews.com/health-news/best-hospitals/articles/2014/07/15/faq-how-we-ranked-the-best-hospitals-2014-15?int=a01008.



Finding Rehabilitation Specialists

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)

Toll Free: 800/999-2782; 703/684-2782
TDD: 703/683-6748
apta.org

APTA is the main professional body for physical therapists in the US. Their website includes a Find a PT service. Be sure to check out their Choosing your Physical Therapist guidelines moveforwardpt.com/Resources/Choose.aspx#.VLaf4U10zoo.

American Speech, Language, Hearing Association (ASHA) ProSearch Database

Toll Free: 800/638-8255
asha.org/findpro

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 173,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Toll Free: 800/729-2682 (Members)
301/652-6611 (Non-members)
TDD: 800/377-8555
aota.org

The American Occupational Therapy Association is the national professional association representing the interests and concerns of occupational therapy practitioners and students of occupational therapy. While they do not have a member directory that is searchable by the public, they do have a database to find a Driver Rehabilitation Specialist myaota.aota.org/driver_search/index.aspx.

MedlinePlus Directories

MedlinePlus, produced by the National

Library of Medicine, is the National Institutes of Health's Web site for patients and their families and friends. This webpage provides links to directories that can help locate health professionals, services, and facilities, including: doctors, dentists, hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare providers. Visit the directory at nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/directories.html.

Stroke Centers Directory

strokecenter.org/trials/centers

This directory is provided as a convenient resource to catalogue U.S. Joint Commission certified stroke centers. This is not intended as a referral device for patients looking for a physician, nor is this intended to provide a full listing of stroke rehabilitation facilities.



Other Rehabilitation Programs

For drug and alcohol rehabilitation, visit the Treatment Facilities Locator at findtreatment.gov

No facilities locator was found for rehabilitation of paroled offenders. The HIRE Network (hirenetwork.org/clearinghouse) lists community resources for parolees in every state.



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