

Acromegaly

It is hard to find information about acromegaly without finding gigantism being mentioned, also. What is the difference between the two? The first page or two of the following web site gives a basic explanation of the difference. <http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/endo/pubs/acro/acro.htm>

Locating Information in Books

According to the Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine, that can be found within InfoTrac's Health Reference Center Academic, Acromegaly is a disorder associated with the pituitary gland, which makes this an Endocrine disorder.

There are not many books devoted to just acromegaly. However, there are books about medical and endocrine disorders/diseases that will contain information about topics such as acromegaly.

Use the index in the back of each of these books in order to find information about specific disorders/medical conditions, such as acromegaly.

- *The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy* - Reference RC 55 .M4 2006. Look on pages 1185 - 1187. An online version of *The Merck Manual* is available at: <http://www.merck.com/mrkshared/mmanual/home.jsp>
- *The Merck Manual of Medical Information (Home Edition)*. Reference RC 81 .M47 1999. Look on pages 769 - 771.
- *Current: Medical Diagnosis and Treatment* - Reference R 71 .A14. Look on pages 1072 - 1074.
- *Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders Sourcebook* - RC 648 .E418 1999. A chapter is devoted to acromegaly starting on page 289.
- *Encyclopedia of Endocrine Diseases and Disorders*. Reference RC 649 .P48 2005. Offers several pages that summarizes acromegaly starting on page 2.
- *The Endocrine System* - Reference QP 187 .W34 2004. Look at the index.
- *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* - Reference RC 46 .H333. Look at the index.
- *How the Endocrine System Works* - QP 187 .N35 2002. Look at the index.

Online Reference Books:

Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine is a reference book that is accessed through [InfoTrac's Health Reference Center Academic](#). Once InfoTrac obtains results for Acromegaly, **CLICK on the BOOKS tab near the top of the InfoTrac menu.**

- For OFF-Campus access, use your Delta username and password. For help, please call the Reference Desk at (989) 686-9560.

[NetLibrary](#) provides access to the full-text of books, online. Through NetLibrary you can access the eBook *The Official Patient's Sourcebook on Acromegaly*. If ON-CAMPUS, you can click on this link: <http://www.netlibrary.com/>. Within NetLibrary's search box, type acromegaly. Click on the "Search" button and you will be presented with the ability to view the full-text of *The Official Patient's Sourcebook on Acromegaly*.



PLEASE NOTE: If you access NetLibrary from on-campus you do not need a userID or password. However, if you want to access NetLibrary from home, you need to:

1. Go to a library that links to NetLibrary (like Delta).
2. Access NetLibrary through the Library's account in order to create your own personal NetLibrary username and password.
3. Once you have your own username and password, you can access NetLibrary from home.

APA example of citing NetLibrary:

Parker, J.N. & Parker, P.M. (2002). *The official patient's sourcebook on Acromegaly*. San Diego: Icon Group International. Retrieved December 6, 2005 from NetLibrary: <http://www.netlibrary.com>

Locating Information in Periodicals

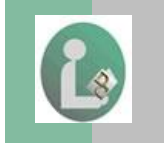
Search the following online databases (indexes) to locate journal articles (electronic format) on your topic:

[InfoTrac](#) available from the [Delta Library website \(Journals and Magazines\)](#), either on campus or remotely with password. For OFF-Campus access, use your Delta username and password. For help, please call the Reference Desk at (989) 686-9560.

[Medline](#), within **FirstSearch**, is a medical database (index) that will lead you to a few scholarly articles about acromegaly. You can click on [Medline](#), or go to the [Delta Library website \(Journals and Magazines\)](#), either on campus or remotely with authorization code and password. For OFF-Campus access, use your Delta username and password. For help, please call the Reference Desk at (989) 686-9560.

Once you see the main search screen for Medline:

1. Type acromegaly within the white search box next to "Search for:"
2. Before clicking on the "Search" button, you need to make a choice:
 - Most people want to see the full-text of the article on the computer. To do this, click within the white box next to "Limit to:" and "Full text."
 - If there are not many full-text articles, the next choice would be to find journals that are located within Delta Library. Click within the white box next to "Subscriptions held by my library (EDK, DELTA COL LIBR)." NOTE: Please do NOT click both boxes at the same time.
 - If you do not check either box, you will get quite a few articles that are suppose to contain the word "acromegaly." Many of these may not be what you want and most will not be located at Delta College Library. However, you can interlibrary loan, for free, articles that look like they may help. The interlibrary loan process takes, at least, two weeks or more.
3. Once you decide on which box to check or not check, click on the "Search" button.
4. You will be presented with a list of citations for journal articles that should have something to do with acromegaly. NOTE: MOST, but not all, are scholarly journals in Medline.



[PubMed](#) is a service of the National Library of Medicine, that provides access to over 11 million MEDLINE citations back to the mid-1960's and additional life science journals. PubMed also links to sites with full-text articles and resources.

TIP: PubMed offers a link to "limit" your search. By clicking on "Limits", you can limit the search to free full-text (entire article) and you can limit to articles presented in English.

Here are some examples of scholarly journal articles that can be found in peer-reviewed journals by using indexes such as Medline (FirstSearch), InfoTrac, and PubMed:

Bihan, H., Espinosa, C., Valdes-Socin, H., Salenave, S., Young, J., Levasseur, S., Assayag, P., Beckers, A. and Chanson, P. (2004). Long-term outcome of patients with acromegaly and congestive heart failure. *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, 89 (11), 5308 -13.

(This IS a scholarly research study (article) from "*The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. Patients, methodology, charts, graphs, tables, and results are discussed regarding the relationship of acromegaly and congestive heart failure. This publication is not within Delta Library but the article can be retrieved through PubMed).

Freda, P. U., Katznelson, L., van der Lely, A. J., Reyes, C. M., Zhao, S., and Rabinowitz, D. Long-acting somatostatin analog therapy of acromegaly: a meta-analysis. (2005). *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* 90, (8), 4465-73.

(This IS a scholarly research study (article) from "*The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This meta-analysis study combines data from many studies to assess important treatment effects for people with acromegaly. This publication is not within Delta Library but the article can be retrieved through PubMed).

Holdaway, I. M., Rajasoorya, R. C., and Gamble, G. D. (2004). Factors influencing mortality in acromegaly. *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* 89, (2), 667-674.

(This IS a scholarly research study (article) from "*The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This article gives methods, charts, tables, and results on factors influencing mortality involving acromegaly. This publication is not within Delta Library but the article can be retrieved through PubMed).

Maugans, T. A. (1995). Diagnosis and Treatment of Acromegaly. *American Family Physician*, 52 (1), 207-13.

(This is an older scholarly journal article from "*American Family Physician*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This article is NOT a "research" article but it does give a very good overview of acromegaly, including a case study. Plenty of references are provided. The full text of this article can be found in InfoTrac's Health Reference Center Gold).



Sachse, D. (2001). Acromegaly. *American Journal of Nursing*, 101 (11), 69-71, 73-5, 77.

(This is a scholarly journal article from "*American Journal of Nursing*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This article is NOT a "research" article but it does give a very good overview of acromegaly, including a case study. This article can be found in the November 2001 issue of "*American Journal of Nursing*" which is on the periodical shelves).

Locating Information on the World Wide Web

The Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases Information Service, a part of the National Institute of Health, provides a web site with helpful information about acromegaly at: <http://www.endocrine.niddk.nih.gov/pubs/acro/acro.htm>

The Mayo Clinic provides the following information about acromegaly:
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/acromegaly/DS00478>

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