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## Cretinism

It is difficult to find a lot of information about **cretinism**. Alternative terms for this hypothyroid condition is **congenital hypothyroidism** and neonatal hypothyroidism. If you cannot find information about cretinism then look for information about endocrine and thyroid disorders. Literature covering endocrine and thyroid disorders may include information about cretinism.

### Locating Information in Books

*The Merck Manual of Medical Information (Home Edition)*. Reference RC 81 .M47 1999. Look on page 1413.

Browse the book shelves near these call numbers to find additional information about your topic.

Ask a librarian for help!

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### Locating Information in Periodicals

Search the following online databases (indexes) to locate journal articles (electronic format) on your topic: [Delta Library website \(Journals and Magazines\)](#), either on campus or remotely with password.

[InfoTrac](#) is available from the ord. For OFF-Campus access, use your Delta username and password. For help, please call the Reference Desk at (989) 686-9560.

Cretinism and Congenital Hypothyroidism are two search terms to use.

[Medline](#), within **FirstSearch**, is a medical database (index) that will lead you to a few scholarly articles about cretinism. You can click on either link, or go to the [Delta Library website \(Journals and Magazines\)](#), either on campus or remotely. 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 cretinism 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 A LOT of articles that are suppose to contain the word "cretinism." 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 cretinism. 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:

Cassio, A., Cacciari, E., Cicognani, A., Damiani, G., Missiroli, G., Corbelli, E., Balsamo, A.

Bal, M., and Gualandi, S. (2003). Treatment for congenital hypothyroidism:

thyroxine alone or thyroxine plus triiodothyronine? *Pediatrics*, 111 (5 Pt 1), 1055-60.

(This IS a scholarly research study (article) from "*Pediatrics*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This publication is not within Delta Library but the article can be interlibrary loaned, for free. Please see a librarian for assistance).

Kemper, A. R., and Foster, C. M. (2003). Congenital hypothyroidism: a guide for the

general pediatrician. *Contemporary Pediatrics*, 20 (6), 32-34, 39-40, 42.

(This scholarly article is from "*Contemporary Pediatrics*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This article is NOT considered a research article BUT this gives a scholarly overview of congenital hypothyroidism (cretinism). This publication is not within Delta Library but the article can be retrieved through PubMed).

Kopp, P. (2002). Perspective: genetic defects in the etiology of congenital

hypothyroidism. *Endocrinology*, 143 (6), 2019-24.

(This scholarly article is from "*Endocrinology*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This article is NOT considered a research article BUT this gives a scholarly overview of the genetic defects that may cause congenital hypothyroidism (cretinism). This publication is not within Delta Library but the article can be retrieved through PubMed).

Park, S. M., and Chatterjee, V. K. (2005). Genetics of congenital hypothyroidism. *Journal of Medical Genetics*, 42 (5), 379-89.

(This scholarly article is from "*Journal of Medical Genetics*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This article is NOT considered a research article BUT this gives a scholarly overview of the genetics of congenital hypothyroidism (cretinism). This publication is not within Delta Library but the article can be retrieved through PubMed).

Song-Il, S., Daneman, D., and Rovet, J. (2001). The influence of etiology and treatment factors on intellectual outcome in congenital hypothyroidism. *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*, 22 (6), 376-84.

(This IS a scholarly research study (article) from "*Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*" which is a peer-reviewed (refereed) journal. This publication is not within Delta Library but the article can be retrieved through InfoTrac: Health Reference Center Academic).

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## Locating Information on the World Wide Web

[Congenital Hypothyroidism: an Endocrine Disorder.](#)

[Congenital Hypothyroidism: Genetics Home Reference.](#)

[Diabetes & Other Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders.](#) This site will give some information about neonatal hypothyroidism.

[Iodine Deficiency](#) presents a one-page summary of cretinism and includes a graphic photo.

[Non-neoplastic Disease of the Thyroid Gland.](#) Half-way through this ten-page paper will be a section on "Congenital Hypothyroidism (Cretinism)."

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## [How to Cite Books and Journals in APA and MLA Format](#)

- Citing Electronic Resources in APA Format
- Citing Print Resources in APA Format
- Citing Electronic Resources in MLA Format
- Citing Print Resources in MLA Format

