

## General

**National Rehabilitation Awareness Week  
(third week in Sept)**  
[nraf-rehabnet.org](http://nraf-rehabnet.org).

**Vocational Rehabilitation Offices**  
[askjan.org/concerns/State-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Agencies.cfm?csSearch=2486598\\_1](http://askjan.org/concerns/State-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Agencies.cfm?csSearch=2486598_1).

## Information Resources to Find a Rehabilitation Center

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



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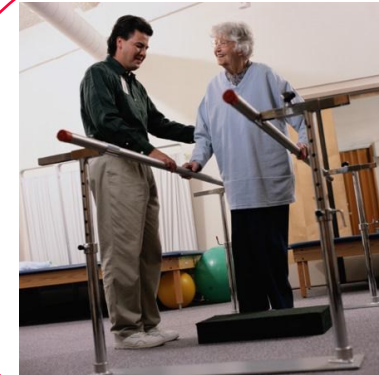
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## Finding a Rehabilitation Center

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](http://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](http://carf.org).

CARF International is an independent, nonprofit 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](http://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](http://qualitycheck.org).

#### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Toll Free: 800/MEDICARE (633-4227)  
[medicare.gov](http://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 Program

### NRH Field Guide to Choosing a High Quality Medical Rehabilitation Program

[search.naric.com/public/choosingquality.pdf](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://moveforwardpt.com/Resources/Choose.aspx#.VLaf4U10zoo).

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

Toll Free: 800/638-8255  
[asha.org/findpro](http://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](http://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 searcha-

ble by the public, they do have a database to find a Driver Rehabilitation Specialist [myaota.aota.org/driver\\_search/index.aspx](http://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](http://nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/directories.html).

### Stroke Centers Directory

[strokecenter.org/trials/centers](http://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](http://findtreatment.gov).

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

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