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Useful websites

SCITABLE

<http://www.nature.com/scitable>

The Nature Publishing Group's free science library and personal learning tool, concentrating mainly on genetics and cell biology, but also containing a section devoted to scientific communication.

<http://www.nature.com/scitable/topic/scientific-communication-14121566>

Organized as a course consisting of six self-contained units, this website contains dozens of resources to help you master scientific communication. Unit 1: Basic communication strategies for various audiences. Unit 2: Designing and drafting scientific papers. Unit 3: Designing and drafting e-mails, résumés, and short reports. Unit 4: Structuring, supporting, and delivering oral presentations. Unit 5: Creating and presenting posters, chairing sessions, and participating in panels. Unit 6: Preparing, running, and evaluating classroom sessions. You can browse the list of selected entries for help on particular topics.

PURDUE OWL

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl>

This online writing lab provides clear guidelines and examples, as well as lots of exercises. It includes special sections for speakers of English as a foreign language.

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND'S WRITER'S WEB

<http://writing2.richmond.edu/writing/wwweb.html>

This free, public-access handbook provides clear advice about many topics in the writing process. It includes a general guide for writing most basic biology laboratory reports.

DUKE GRADUATE SCHOOL SCIENTIFIC WRITING RESOURCE

<https://cgi.duke.edu/web/sciwriting/index.php>

Three great lessons explain key principles and provide illustrative examples. Each is followed by a worksheet to help you put theory into practice.

CLINICAL CHEMISTRY GUIDE TO SCIENTIFIC WRITING

http://www.aacc.org/publications/clin_chem/ccgsw/Pages/default.aspx

A series of educational articles on how to design and write scientific research papers. Easy to read, full of useful information and illustrative examples. Spanish translation available.

ENGLISH FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

<http://www.english-iss.com/English%20for%20Medical%20Students/Introduction.htm>

Based on a systems approach to the human body, this site contains a wealth of material covering anatomy, chemistry, microbiology, pharmacology, and physiology. Each unit contains readings to expand students' technical and nontechnical vocabulary, a variety of exercises for practicing different elements of grammar and vocabulary, listenings, and other activities like crossword puzzles, doctor-patient dialogues, and quizzes.

MEDLINEPLUS

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/>

MedlinePlus is the National Institutes of Health's website for patients, who can learn about the latest treatments, look up information on a drug or supplement, find out the meanings of words, or view medical videos or illustrations. It also provides links to the latest medical research on your topic and information about clinical trials on a disease or condition.

You can switch back and forth between the English and Spanish versions.