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Covers diseases, disorders, treatments, procedures, specialties, anatomy, biology, and issues in an A-Z format, with sidebars addressing recent developments in medicine and concise information boxes for all diseases and disorders.

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Now in its sixth edition, *Magill's Medical Guide* expands to six volumes and contains 1,178 entries. 161 essay topics are completely new to this edition, and all entries from the previous edition have been evaluated and updated by a panel of Medical Editors to ensure their currency and accuracy, as needed. All cross-references to other relevant entries in *Magill's Medical Guide* have been revised. Every bibliography has been updated with the latest editions and sources, including Web sites for relevant organizations. All appendixes from the previous edition have been updated and checked for accuracy, and the "Medical Journals" list has been expanded to include standard title abbreviations.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

Among the 1,178 entries in this edition are 161 new topics. Many of these topics fill gaps in the table of contents regarding anatomy, physiology, and diseases, such as "Adrenal glands," "Blood pressure," "End-stage renal disease," "Gallbladder," "Joints," "Polyps," "Side effects," "Tinnitus," and "Vision." Others address new and urgent health concerns, such as "Clostridium difficile infections," "Deep vein thrombosis," "Food allergies," "H1N1 influenza" "Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infections," "Morgellons disease," "Stevens-Johnson syndrome," "Subdural hematoma," and "Vitiligo." Still others examine health care issues within society, such as "Assisted living facilities," "Epidemics and pandemics," "Health care reform," "Home care," "Living will," "Managed care," "Palliative medicine," "Prescription drug abuse," and "Rape and sexual assault."

This edition includes 72 "In the News" sidebars—44 updated from the previous edition and 28 newly commissioned—that evaluate media stories about ongoing research and experimental treatments. These boxes both highlight the latest information and

provide readers with a critical view of popular reports that may (or may not) prove crucial to the future understanding and treatment of certain medical conditions. The topics covered include chemotherapy targeting cancer stem cells, the Accord Trial concerning cardiovascular risks for type 2 diabetes, and new screening methods for Down syndrome.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Special features of this set include the "Complete List of Contents" at the beginning of each volume, and "Entries by Specialties and Related Fields" and "Entries by Anatomy or System Affected" at the end of each volume. Volume 6 contains a "Glossary" of medical terms, a table of important "Symptoms and Warning Signs," an annotated guide to more than 900 "Diseases and Other Medical Conditions," a "Pharmaceutical List" with both generic and brand names, a detailed list of the training and duties of various "Types of Health Care Providers," the revised list of "Medical Journals" by their standard title abbreviations, a "General Bibliography," a helpful "Resources" list, a "Web Site Directory," the new "Personages Index" of important figures in medicine, and a comprehensive subject index. For each disease and disorder, a concise information box lists causes, symptoms, duration, and treatments, acting as a quick reference tool for the reader.

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The screenshot displays the Salem Health website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Databases, Journals, Dictionary, Profile, Login, and Help. Below this is a search bar with the text "Anorexia" entered. The search results show 1.5 of 31 for "Anorexia" and list several articles with their authors and publication dates. A sidebar on the right is titled "Allergies" and contains a definition, causes and symptoms, and a table of contents. The table of contents lists sections such as Key Terms, Causes and Symptoms, Treatment and Therapy, and Further Information. Below the sidebar, there is a diagram titled "The Body's Response to Allergies" showing the interaction between antigens, antibodies, and mast cells. The main content area also includes a "KEY TERMS & DEFINITIONS" section and a "HYPERSENSITIVITY" section.