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Instructions: The Internet can be a great resource for information about health-related issues. But not all websites are reliable sources. Review four websites that appear in a web search for a health-related issue.

1. Website name and URL:

2. Publisher or organization that operates the site:

3. Is it reviewed by a doctor or medical expert?

4. Is the site current? When was it last updated?

5. Is there advertising on the site? If yes, how might this influence the information on the site?

6. Is the information on the website documented?

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Review your answers, then write about your findings. These questions can help you get started:

• Which site or sites appear to be good sources of health-related information?
• Which site or sites do not appear to be good sources of health-related information?
• Did anything surprise you as you reviewed the sites?
• Will this study affect how you use the Internet in the future? If so, how?