Health law is the body of law governing the delivery of health care services and the regulation of health care institutions. It affects patients and health care providers, health insurers and health maintenance organizations, pharmaceutical companies, and manufacturers of medical devices.

**Health Law**
Health law practice may involve such diverse issues as access to health care, bioethics, medical technology, patient consent, insurance reimbursement, licensing, compliance, and health care administration.

**Health law resources on Westlaw**
Westlaw includes an extensive collection of health law materials, including federal and state primary law, secondary sources, and current developments. In each category listed below, a few key databases are highlighted. These databases and other health law–related resources can be accessed at the tabbed Health Law page, shown on the following page.

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**Statutes and regulations**

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Case law
Court decisions that construe and review health-related laws and regulations are another important source of information when you research health law. The Federal Health Law—Cases database (FHTH-CS) includes cases from the federal courts that relate to the provision of wellness services and regulation of health care institutions. State health-related cases are found in the Individual State Health Law Cases databases (XXHTH-CS), where XX is a state's two-letter postal abbreviation, e.g., CAHTH-CS.

Secondary sources
The Health Law—Law Reviews, Texts, and Bar Journals database (HTH-TP) includes analytical texts, law reviews, and legal periodicals that discuss health law. If you are unfamiliar with health law, you may find the American Jurisprudence 2d database (AMJUR) a helpful starting point. The Health Law Practice Guide database (HTHPG) contains the full text of the treatise Health Law Practice Guide, which is a comprehensive guide covering important legal issues in health care.

Current developments
The Health Policy Tracking Service Issue Briefs and Snapshots Combined database (HPTS) and other subject-matter HPTS databases provide concise analysis and timely updates on health-related issues. To access this combined database or a subject-matter database, click a link in the appropriate HPTS section of the Health Law page.