# **Resources for Learning About Botanical Supplements**

#### Items in bold are excellent quick references

### Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS)

- Dietary Supplements: What You Need To Know: http://ods.od.nih.gov/HealthInformation/DS WhatYouNeedToKnow.aspx
- Dietary Supplement Fact Sheets: <a href="http://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/list-all/">http://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/list-all/</a>

### **National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)**

- Dietary and Herbal Supplements Information Portal: http://nccam.nih.gov/health/supplements
- Herbs at a Glance online resource also available as a downloadable e-book:
   <a href="http://nccam.nih.gov/health/herbsataglance.htm">http://nccam.nih.gov/health/herbsataglance.htm</a>
- NCCAM's Fact Sheet, Using Dietary Supplements Wisely: http://nccam.nih.gov/health/supplements/wiseuse.htm
- NCCAM's "Time to Talk" campaign, with packets of tools for talking with your health care
  provider about your dietary supplements, including a wallet card to keep track of medications,
  including supplements: <a href="http://nccam.nih.gov/timetotalk">http://nccam.nih.gov/timetotalk</a>

## MedlinePlus – National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health

 Herbs and Supplements Index: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/herb All.html

### **Food and Drug Administration**

- Using Dietary Supplements:
   <a href="http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/UsingDietarySupplements/default.htm">http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/UsingDietarySupplements/default.htm</a>
- Dietary Supplements: What You Need to Know: <a href="http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/UsingDietarySupplements/ucm109760.htm">http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/UsingDietarySupplements/ucm109760.htm</a>
- Tips for Dietary Supplement Users: Making Informed Decisions and Evaluating Information:
   <a href="http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/UsingDietarySupplements/ucm110567.htm">http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/UsingDietarySupplements/ucm110567.htm</a>

   Tips for Older Dietary Supplement Users:
- http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/UsingDietarySupplements/ucm110493.htm
   Dietary Supplement Alerts and Safety Information: http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/UCM2006894.htm
- Dietary Supplements:
   http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm153239.htm
- Adverse Event Reporting: http://www.fda.gov/Food/DietarySupplements/ReportAdverseEvent/default.htm

#### Other

- FTC Consumer Information on Dietary Supplements: http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0261-dietary-supplements
- HerbMed an interactive, electronic herbal database provides hyperlinked access to the scientific data underlying the use of herbs for health. <a href="http://www.herbmed.org/">http://www.herbmed.org/</a>
- Nutrition.gov Dietary Supplements:
   <a href="http://www.nutrition.gov/dietary-supplements/herbal-supplements">http://www.nutrition.gov/dietary-supplements/herbal-supplements</a>