It's the computer era. Everyone seems to be consulting web sites for major portions of answers to questions, hunts for resources, and for all kinds of information. So, I offer this list of suggestions of web sites where solid information can be found about how to have the healthiest birth possible, how to find midwives, how to believe in ourselves and our ability to give birth.

BIRTH NETWORK OF SANTA CRUZ CNTY, local info, referral & advocacy <www.birthnet.org>
CALIF ASSOC OF MIDWIVES, statewide professional org <www.californiamidwives.org>
MANA's page of references for homebirth studies <www.mana.org/hbref.html>
CITIZENS FOR MIDWIFERY, grassroots group in support of midwives <www.cfmidwifery.org>
COALITION FOR IMPROVING MATERNITY SERVICES - mother-friendly childbirth initiative <www.motherfriendly.org>
CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES/FAITH GIBSON, midwife, historian, activist, writer <www.collegeofmidwives.org>
HENCI GOER, author (Thinking Woman's Guide to Better Birth, Obstetrical Myths Versus Research Realities), medical researcher <www.parentplace.com/expert/birthguru>
ASSOCIATION FOR PRE AND PERINATAL PSYCHOLOGY <www.birthpsychology.com>
MATUREITY CENTER ASSOCIATION <www.maternitywise.org>
SUZANNE ARMS, author (Immaculate Deception), activist, photojournalist, filmmaker (Giving Birth :Challenges and Choices, 5 Women 5 Births) <www.BirthingtheFuture.com>
SHEILA KITZINGER, author (The Complete Book of Pregnancy and Childbirth and numerous other titles) cultural anthropologist, childbirth educator <www.shellakitzinger.com>
BIRTH WORKS, includes work of Michel Odent, MD, medical researcher, author (Birth Reborn, The Scientification of Love) <www.birthworks.org/primalhealth>
ROBBIE DAVIS-FLOYD, author (Birth as an American Rite of Passage), cultural anthropologist <www.davis-floyd.com>
LEILAH McCracken, mother, activist, writer (Resexualizing Childbirth) <www.birthlove.com>
subscription site, with several hundred pages of information, opinion, stories
BARBARA HARPER, author (Gentle Birth Choices), waterbirth activist <www.gentlebirth.org>
PAM ENGLAND, midwife, birth educator, author (Birthing from Within) <www.birthpower.com>
ALLIANCE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MATERNITY SERVICES <www.aimsusa.org>
MOTHERING MAGAZINE <www.mothering.com>
independent site of childbirth information <www.childbirthsolutions.com>