

# The National Network of Libraries of Medicine



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The mission of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine® (NN/LM®) program is to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public's health by providing equal access to biomedical information to all U.S. health professionals and by improving the public's access to health information. The program is coordinated by the National Library of Medicine® (NLM®) and is carried out through a nationwide network of over 5,000 member libraries. These include academic medical libraries, hospital, pharmaceutical and other special health sciences libraries, and a growing number of public libraries with consumer health collections. The eight regional NN/LM offices are located throughout the United States.

The NN/LM is dedicated to serving the health information needs of librarians, health-care practitioners, administrators, investigators, educators and consumers across the United States.

# Services of the NN/LM

## OUTREACH

Through training, demonstrations and exhibits, the NN/LM reaches out to health care professionals and consumers to promote their use of the biomedical information resources of the NLM, including MEDLINE, PubMed, MEDLINE*plus*, *ClinicalTrials.gov*, and LOCATOR*plus*.

## CONNECTIVITY AND COMMUNICATION SUPPORT

Working directly with Network libraries, the NN/LM encourages connectivity to the Internet and access to NLM's many health-related resources, while maintaining more traditional means of communication with those who do not yet have access. The NN/LM encourages use of the Internet to develop new and innovative systems and services, such as telemedicine and electronic imaging.

## DOCUMENT DELIVERY

The DOCLINE<sup>®</sup> and LoansomeDoc<sup>®</sup> systems link Network libraries together to provide articles, books and audio-visuals to members and their patrons. Network libraries process more than three million interlibrary loan requests annually.

## REFERENCE

The Network helps health professionals and consumers by identifying member libraries that will serve them in their local areas.

## FUNDING

Subcontracts awarded to NN/LM member libraries provide funding for a wide variety of outreach activities.

**For more information about specific NN/LM programs in your region, call: 1-800-338-7657, or visit [www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov).**



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