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### [Training Information from our Website](#)

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Fall is often a busy time for orienting new staff, house staff or incoming students. We have several things on our website's [Training and Educational Opportunities](#) page to help you train others and keep up-to-date yourself.

The screenshot shows the NN/LM Pacific Southwest Region website. The header includes navigation links: NN/LM Home, About PSR, Contact PSR, Feedback, Site Map, Help, and a BOOKMARK icon. The main content area features a search bar for PSR with a Google Custom Search button. A navigation menu includes: PSR Home, Member Services, Provide Outreach, Document Delivery, Funding, Training & Educational Opportunities (highlighted), Serving the Public, and Technology. The main content is titled "Training & Educational Opportunities" and includes a sidebar with links: Available Classes, Training and Exhibit Calendar, Distance Learning, Support for Training Activities, Handouts, Presentations, and Speakers. The main text describes the goal of promoting awareness and access to biomedical information resources, and provides a "Request Training" section with contact information (psr-nnlm@library.ucla.edu) and requirements for hosting training (computer lab, instructor workstation, and minimum of 10 attendees). A footer contains links for Disclaimer, Policy on Linking, Accessibility, and Freedom of Information Act.

### **Handouts & trifold**

We have a number of trifolds and handouts on MedlinePlus and PubMed that you can reproduce at <http://nnlm.gov/psr/training/handouts.html>. Many of the Word versions of the trifolds are available so you can edit them in order to add your own information, too.

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### Handouts

The following handouts are preformatted for printing. If you are a network member and are interested in placing an order for promotional items, please see our [Promotional Materials](#) webpage.

#### General

- [Gateway Basics](#) PDF 409.38 Kb WORD 493Kb  
Trifold brochure (last updated on September 25, 2008)
- [NLM K-12 Resources on the Web](#) PDF 103 Kb  
Trifold brochure (last updated on May 2008)
- [Resources for Science Teachers](#) PDF 213 Kb  
Trifold brochure (last updated on April 2006)

#### Pubmed®

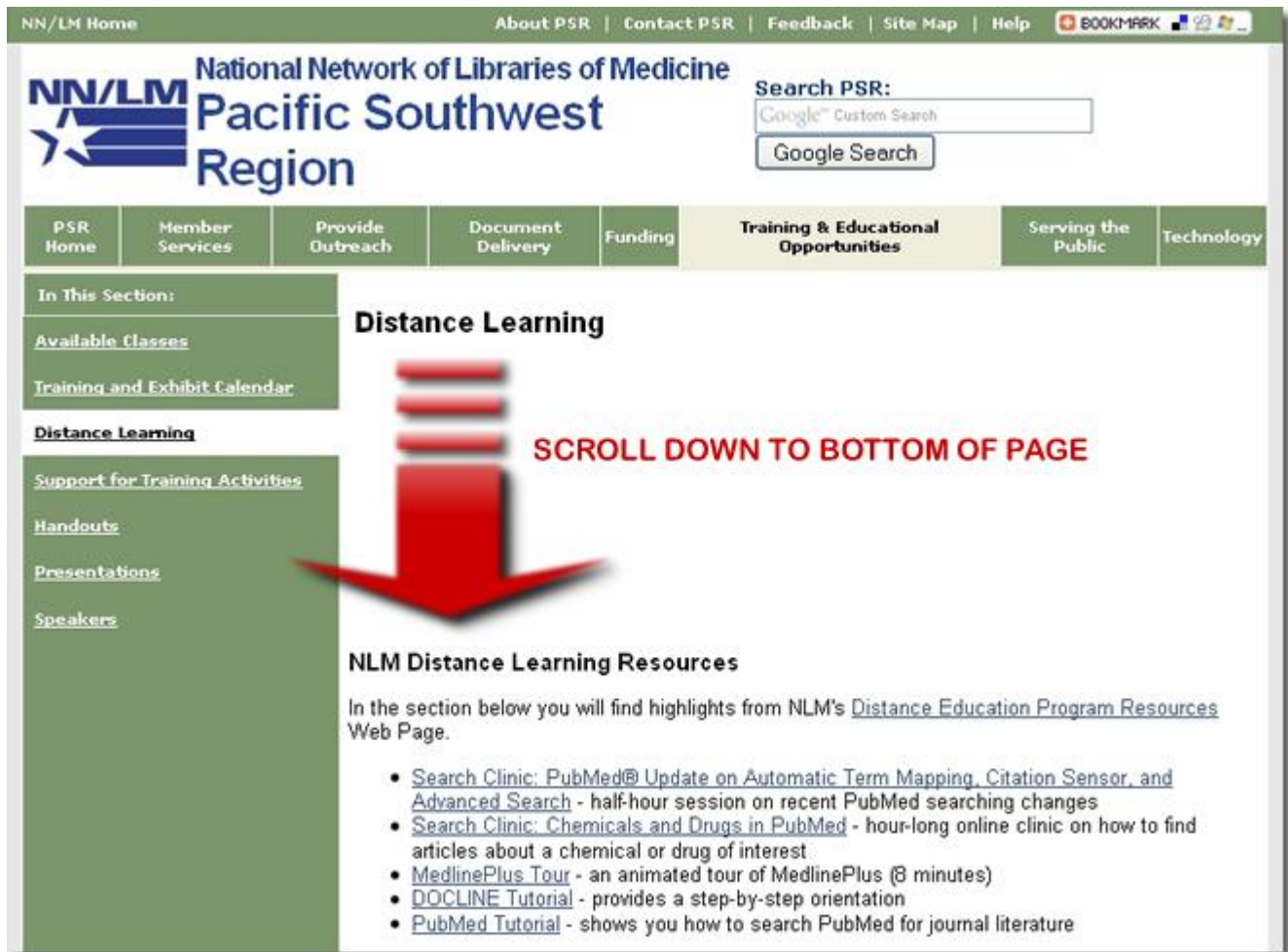
- [PubMed Basics](#) PDF 81.51 Kb WORD 157Kb  
Trifold brochure (last updated on September 26, 2008)
- [PubMed My NCBI](#) PDF 169.12 Kb WORD 191Kb  
Trifold brochure (last updated on October 06, 2008)
- [Full Text and PubMed](#) PDF 112 Kb WORD 153Kb  
Trifold brochure (last updated on August 2008)
- [Searching PubMed with MeSH](#) PDF 71Kb  
Trifold brochure (last updated on January 2008)

#### Consumer Health

- [MedlinePlus Basics](#) PDF 364.63 Kb WORD 2.34 MB  
Trifold brochure (last updated on June 16, 2008)
- [MedlinePlus Basics \(Lo esencial de MedlinePlus\)](#) PDF 347.43 Kb WORD 2.11 MB  
Trifold brochure in Spanish (last updated on June 16, 2008)
- [MedlinePlus for Health Professionals](#) PDF 595 Kb WORD 767 Kb  
Trifold brochure (last updated on August 2008)
- [Be Well. Be Informed.](#) PDF 89.53 Kb  
Handout with links to Consumer Health web resources (last updated on June 21, 2006)
- [Be Well. Be Informed. \(A SU SALUD. ESTÉ BIEN INFORMADO.\)](#) PDF 174.66 Kb  
Handout with links to Consumer Health web resources in Spanish (last updated on June 21, 2006)

### *Training videos and distance learning*

NLM has created short training videos called Search Clinics on topics such as Chemicals & Drugs in PubMed® and the PubMed® Update on Automatic Term Mapping, Citation Sensor, and Advanced Search. The links are available on our distance learning web site: [http://nnlm.gov/psr/training/distance\\_learning/index.html](http://nnlm.gov/psr/training/distance_learning/index.html).



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### NLM Distance Learning Resources

In the section below you will find highlights from NLM's [Distance Education Program Resources](#) Web Page.

- [Search Clinic: PubMed® Update on Automatic Term Mapping, Citation Sensor, and Advanced Search](#) - half-hour session on recent PubMed searching changes
- [Search Clinic: Chemicals and Drugs in PubMed](#) - hour-long online clinic on how to find articles about a chemical or drug of interest
- [MedlinePlus Tour](#) - an animated tour of MedlinePlus (8 minutes)
- [DOCLINE Tutorial](#) - provides a step-by-step orientation
- [PubMed Tutorial](#) - shows you how to search PubMed for journal literature

There are also short one-to-four minute programs on using PubMed features, such as MeSH and My NCBI available on NLM's Distance Education Program Resources web site at [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/dist\\_edu.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/dist_edu.html). These are great for you to update or review your knowledge or to refer patrons for more information or to reinforce what you have covered in your workshops.





## Distance Education Program Resources




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### PubMed® Online Training

- [PubMed Tutorial](#) (instructional Web site, December 2007)
- [PubMed Review](#) (25 min. video, MLA Annual Meeting Theater Presentation, May 2008)
- [The Basics of Medical Subject Headings \(MeSH®\)](#) (instructional Web site, December 2007)
- [Branching Out: The MeSH Vocabulary](#) (12 min. video, September 2007)
- [Search Clinic: PubMed® Update on Automatic Term Mapping, Citation Sensor, and Advanced Search](#) (30 min. video, July 2008)
- [Search Clinic: Chemicals & Drugs in PubMed](#) (1 hour video, August 2007)
- [U.S. National Network of Libraries of Medicine \(NN/LM\) Non-English Guides to PubMed® Resources](#)

### Quick Tours

Brief tutorials on specific topics. Running times are rounded to the nearest minute.

- **Searching PubMed** 
  - [Search PubMed for an Author](#) (3 min., June 2005)
  - [Searching PubMed by Author and Subject](#) (1 min., December 2007)
  - [PubMed Simple Subject Search](#) (2 min., June 2008)
  - [Search for a Journal](#) (5 min., June 2007)
  - [Retrieving Citations from a Journal Issue](#) (1 min., December 2005)
- **My NCBI** 
  - [Retrieving Your My NCBI Username or Password](#) (approx. 2 min., September 2008)
  - [Saving Searches](#) (approx. 4 min., revised October 2008)
  - [Changing Saved Searches](#) (approx. 3 min., October 2008)
  - [Collections](#) (approx. 3 min., revised October 2008)
  - [Editing Collections](#) (approx. 4 min., revised October 2008)
  - [Creating Your Bibliography](#) (approx. 3 min., September 2008)
- **PubMed's MeSH Database** 
  - [Searching with the MeSH Database](#) (3 min., December 2005)
  - [Combining MeSH Terms Using the MeSH Database](#) (4 min., December 2007)
  - [Applying Subheadings and Other Features of the MeSH Database](#) (5 min., December 2007)

## ***PSR Distance Learning***

Many of the online sessions that Sharon Dennis, our Technology Coordinator, has done and recorded are also available through our web site, [http://nmlm.gov/psr/training/distance\\_learning/index.html](http://nmlm.gov/psr/training/distance_learning/index.html). Here's a sample:




- "RSS Feeds: The "New" Current Awareness Service" (1 hour session)
- Personalized Google (iGoogle) (1 hour session)
- "Microblogging" Using Twitter and FriendFeed (1 hour session)

The Distance Learning web site also links to consumer health topics from the [Health e-Shows](#) Series Kelli Ham has been doing in partnership with Infopeople, <http://infopeople.org/>. Here's a list of topics:

- Webcast - A Younger Generation of Older Adults: Health Information for Boomers (October 22, 2007)
- Webcast - Communicating about Health: Empowering Patrons to Communicate with Their Health Care Providers (December 3, 2007)
- Webinar - An In-depth Look at MedlinePlus (March 4, 2008)
- Webinar - Beyond MedlinePlus: Resources That Answer Those Other Tough Health Reference Questions (May 14, 2008)
- Webinar - I Don't Give Medical Advice; I Dispense Quality Health Information (June 19, 2008)
- Webinar - Understanding Health Literacy: Why It Is So Important and What Librarians Can Do to Help (August 14, 2008)
- Webinar - Health Information for Kids and Teens and Seniors, Oh My (October 28, 2008)
- Webinar - Finding Easy-to-Read and Multilingual Health Information for Your Patrons (December 1, 2008)

## ***Available Classes***

We have recently rearranged the web page that shows the Available Classes that we teach. The URL is <http://nmlm.gov/psr/training/classes.html>. Now classes are listed by subjects such as Consumer Health, Technology, or PubMed. You can make use of the materials used in the classes for your own instruction. Our staff also teaches classes and workshops highlighting NLM and NN/LM databases and services. If you would like to make arrangements or if you have any questions about our classes, please contact us at [psr-nmlm@library.ucla.edu](mailto:psr-nmlm@library.ucla.edu).

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- [ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetics Information for Consumers](#) - CE
- [Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library](#) - CE
- [Caring for the Mind: Providing Reference Services for Mental Health Information](#) - CE
- [From Snake Oil to Penicillin: Evaluating Consumer Health Information on the Internet](#) - CE
- [NLM's Consumer Health Databases](#) - CE
- [¿No Comprendo? Spanish Health Information Resources for English Speaking Librarians](#) - CE
- [Prescription for Success: Consumer Health Information on the Web](#) - CE

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- ["Introduction to Blogs and Wikis"](#)
- [Geeks Bearing Gifts: Unwrapping New Technologies](#)

### PubMed

- [Getting Started with LinkOut](#) - CE
- [Making PubMed Work for You](#) - CE
- [PubMed for Experts](#) - CE
- [PubMed for the Rest of Us: Searching the Medical Literature for the Non-Expert](#) - CE