

Responsibilities of Members

Membership is free. However, each member institution is expected to:

- designate an individual as the local contact person (the NN/LM Liaison) for network information and communications,
- be listed in the national registry of network members that is available in the *NN/LM Members Directory Search* located at: <http://nnlm.gov/members/adv.html>, and
- keep membership information up-to-date.

Categories of Membership

There are two membership categories in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine:

Full Member: Any health sciences library or health-related information center, institution, or organization that:

- is regularly staffed,
- has an Internet connection,
- has its own collection of health sciences materials, and
- provides information services to health professionals or to the general public, including DOCLINE.

Most hospital libraries and college/university libraries in institutions with health education programs are Full Members.

Affiliate Member: Any library or information resource center that provides health information, but does not meet all criteria for full membership. A growing number of public libraries, community college libraries, family resource centers, general college libraries, and corporate libraries are joining the network as Affiliate Members.

How to Apply

Contact us for a membership form or apply online at http://nnlm.gov/psr/services/application/new_member.php. Call 800-338-7657 or 310-825-2183 if you have any questions.

For More Information

Visit our web site for more information about our programs and services: <http://nnlm.gov/psr/>.

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National Library of Medicine

The National Library of Medicine (NLM), on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is the world's largest medical library. NLM is a national resource for all U.S. health science libraries through the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.



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Make the Connection

Join the
National Network
of
Libraries of Medicine!

Why should you join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine?

Do you provide health information services to health professionals or to consumers? Make new connections by joining the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), a partnership of over 5,000 libraries, information centers, and other organizations interested in providing access to quality health information. The NN/LM, a program of the National Library of Medicine, has been serving the biomedical information needs of the nation's health professionals for over thirty years. The program now also serves the health information needs of the general public and consumers through public libraries and community organizations. Membership and network services are provided *free of charge*.

NN/LM Mission

To advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health by:

- providing all U.S. health professionals with equal access to biomedical information; and
- improving the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health.

The NN/LM Pacific Southwest Region (NN/LM PSR)

The UCLA Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library serves as Regional Medical Library and administers and coordinates network services in the Pacific Southwest Region. This includes Arizona, California,

Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Basin (the US-Associated Pacific Islands and the Armed Forces Pacific). There are seven other Regional Medical Libraries that work together with the National Library of Medicine to ensure that health information is available throughout the country.

Making Connections - The Benefits of Membership

Funding Opportunities

Network members may apply for a number of funding opportunities. These range from regional awards for outreach projects or library improvements to major awards from NLM to develop information systems and to enhance health information access.

Training

The NN/LM National Training Center and Clearinghouse offers courses on PubMed and other NLM databases. NN/LM PSR staff also offer courses to network members, public library staff, health professionals, consumer groups, and community agencies. We are currently promoting digital technologies to make training opportunities more widely available.

Staying Informed

Network members keep up-to-date on National Library of Medicine systems and services through a variety of digital tools – the web site, newsletter, and an electronic announcement list. These are excellent ways to learn about PubMed, MedlinePlus, or MedlinePlus en español.

Resource Sharing

Sharing resources through interlibrary loan among member libraries has always been a strength of the network. Central to this effort is DOCLINE, the automated interlibrary loan request routing and referral

system developed and used by the National Library of Medicine. Electronic document delivery, particularly for clinical questions, is one of the recent developments in resource sharing.

NN/LM Goals

- to develop collaborations with NN/LM libraries to improve access to and sharing of biomedical information resources throughout the nation;
- to promote awareness of and access to biomedical information resources for health professionals and the public; and
- to develop, promote, and improve access to electronic health information resources.

Additional Membership Benefits

As a member you will also receive:

- a membership certificate that names your organization as a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine,
- an opportunity to build relationships with health science librarians in your community, state, and throughout the nation,
- special mailings of National Library of Medicine posters, brochures, and other promotional items to use in your organization's information service programs, and
- a periodic invitation to provide input to your Regional Medical Library regarding programs and services.