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## AD-Perspective

It is hard to believe University of Massachusetts Medical School is now in Year 5 of the RML contract. The past four years have been busy, with a lot of opportunities for our member libraries to take advantage of outreach subcontracts and grants. Go to <http://nmlm.gov/ner/FundedProjects.html> to review the list of NER Funded Outreach Subcontracts and Awards.

I am pleased to announce that Year 5 will include a number of funding opportunities, including, [Technology Awareness](#), [Internet Connectivity](#), [Electronic Document Delivery](#), and [Express Outreach](#) awards. In addition, now is the time to start planning future [Outreach Projects!](#)

Additional information about NN/LM NER Funding Opportunities is available at: <http://nmlm.gov/ner/CurrentFunding.html#nerawards>

Please feel free to contact me at 508-856-2223 or email me at [javier.crespo@umassmed.edu](mailto:javier.crespo@umassmed.edu) to discuss Year 5 funding opportunities. I am also available to talk about possible outreach subcontracts during the next RML contract period (2006-2011).

## Technology Awareness

Technology Awareness Awards support health technology fairs, conferences, forums, or showcases sponsored by member libraries. Formats may vary but generally consists of exhibits, demonstrations, speakers, and workshops. Although the emphasis is on NLM resources, other resources can be featured. Speakers should be selected for their ability to explain how new information technologies can be of direct use and benefit to health professionals and consumers. Format can include large plenaries, small workshops, or an informal fair.

The program must be at least six hours long and take place before April 30, 2006. Please refer to the [Technology Awareness Program Award Request for Quotation](#) for additional information. Funding amount per award is up to \$10,000 each.

## Internet Connectivity

Internet Connectivity Awards enable NER members to improve access to NLM resources and services for its staff, health care providers and patients. Libraries can upgrade connections or implement Internet services in unconnected (or under-connected) institutions. Funds may be used to purchase equipment as needed (computer, printer, fax, high speed modem) plus Internet service provider costs. In addition, Full Members can use this funding in conjunction with Electronic Document Delivery projects to expand electronic resource sharing capabilities.

Please refer to the [NER Internet Connectivity Project Award Call for Participation](#) for more detailed information. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis. However, purchases based on Connectivity awards must be made before April 30, 2006. Funding amount per award is up to \$5,000 each.

## Electronic Document Delivery

Electronic Document Delivery awards support the purchase of software or equipment for electronic document delivery. Equipment includes computers, fax machines, scanners, and printers.

For additional information, please refer to the [Electronic Document Delivery Call for Participation](#). Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis. However, purchases resulting from awards must be made before April 30, 2006. Funding amount per award is up to \$2,000 each.

## Express Outreach

Express Outreach awards support professional development and outreach initiatives that improve access to health information and promote awareness and the use of National Library of Medicine (NLM) resources. Target audiences include healthcare and public health professionals, (including personnel at a healthcare facility or community agency), members of the public, and populations in inner-city or rural areas without adequate access to information resources.

Please refer to the [Express Outreach Awards Call for Participation](#) for more detailed information. Projects must be completed by April 30, 2006. Funding amount per award is up to \$10,000 each.

Examples of awards include:

- Training and collaborative projects with groups such as public libraries, community based organizations and health centers, public health workers, etc.
- Exhibiting NLM resources at local health related event
- Developing a course for health information resources
- Educational development for professionals at other institutions
- Professional research in a health information related topic

Five general categories for Express Outreach Awards are:

- Express Outreach Awards for Training and Collaborative Outreach
- Express Outreach Awards for Research
- Express Outreach Awards for Course Development
- Express Outreach Awards for Exhibits and Promotions
- Express Outreach Awards for 'Partnering Libraries' Projects

## **Outreach Subcontracts: Start Planning for the 2006-2011 Contract Period**

The NER will not initiate any new outreach subcontracts in Year 5 since it is the end of the contract period. However, it is not too soon to begin planning outreach projects for the next contract period! Please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss ideas about future projects, or are interested in guidance with outreach project planning or proposal writing.

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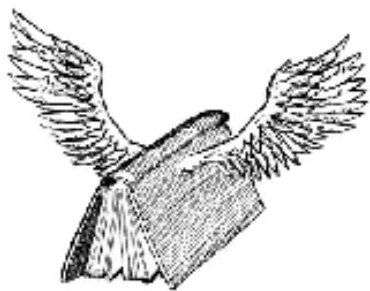
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### Quarterly DOCLINE Statistics Available



NLM has released the following DOCLINE quarterly statistical reports for January - March 2005:

[1-1A, 1-11A, 1-1AT - Summary DOCLINE Borrower Statistics](#)

[1-1B - Summary DOCLINE Lender Statistics](#)

[1-2A, 1-22A - Detailed DOCLINE Borrower Statistics](#)

- [1-2B - Detailed DOCLINE Lender Statistics](#)
- [2-14 - Resource Library Quarterly Report - Fill Rate](#)
- [5-1A - Loansome Doc Detailed Lender Statistics](#)
- [5-1B - Loansome Doc Throughput Report](#)

Please note that reports 1-11A, 1-1AT and 1-22A are only distributed to libraries that have entered requests in DOCLINE for other libraries. Report 2-14 is only distributed to resource libraries.

Users have access to the two most recent quarterly reports. The July - September 2004 DOCLINE quarterly statistical reports are no longer available.

Instructions for downloading and printing reports may be found in the "Request Reports" section of the online manual (click the Help link at the top of the DOCLINE screen) or at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/faqdocline.html#reports>



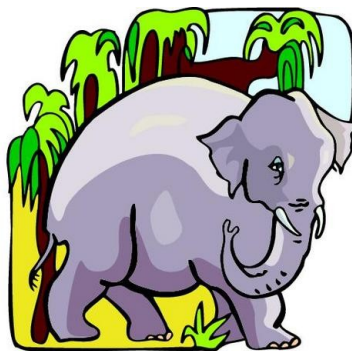
## DOCLINE 2.5 Arrives with LD Redesign

DOCLINE 2.5 was released into production on June 5, 2005. Highlights for the 2.5 release of the system revolve around a redesign of the Loansome Doc interface (impacting both Loansome Doc users as well as Loansome Doc libraries.) There's also a new Loansome Doc page added to the DOCLINE Institution Record to manage Loansome Doc options. Several other enhancements were made in the Requests module as well, supporting the display of patron information on receipts and some enhancements to the Loansome Doc Transfer process.

For a link to the 2.5 Release Notes:

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/docline/docline\\_rel\\_info\\_v2\\_5.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/docline/docline_rel_info_v2_5.html)

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## Regal Reminders

From time to time, the ILL Advised column will offer "regal reminders" for DOCLINE participants. These tidbits are designed to help DOCLINE libraries realize greater efficiencies in their interlibrary lending processes.

### Reminder #1:

- [Include an e-mail address in your Institution Record for borrow requests.](#)

All too often, borrowing libraries indicate a preference for the "e-mail (PDF)" delivery method, but fail to store an e-mail address for the lender to send to. Please make sure that you include an e-mail address (along with Borrowing Preferences) to help expedite your borrow requests.

Also: if you're in a library with a staff count greater than one, it'd probably be a good idea to request from your local Mail Administrator (presumably part of the IT dept) the creation of a "generic inbox". This "common mailbox" would probably be preferable for receiving messages over the use of a personal mailbox.

### For navigation:

- Log into DOCLINE
- Select Institution Record
- Select DOCLINE Options
- Scroll down to "Delivery Methods"
- Enter the e-mail address
- Click on the "Save" button (top or bottom of screen)

### Reminder #2:

- [Refrain from generating manual borrow requests when a PMID would do.](#)

Some borrowing libraries generate an inordinate amount of manual requests, even when complete citation information is just a stone's throw away. Often manual requests are generated when a UI (or "Unique Identifier" like a PMID) is readily available. When a borrow request is generated from the "Manual" rather than the "UniqueKey" screen, the borrowing library needs to realize that the response time for filling the borrow request may be significantly delayed, since the request is funneled through the M/A/N Map rather than the automated process of the DOCLINE Routing Table. In other words: there are no "time triggered actions" associated with the M/A/N Map.

The presence of multiple manual requests on the part of a single borrowing library can most likely be attributed to a lack of education rather than laziness. The NER staff will continue to offer DOCLINE Refresher and PubMed classes throughout the year to help minimize the education gap. In the meantime, please encourage your library patrons to provide complete citation information whenever possible. Remember - a PMID is always golden!

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## RAC - HOSPITAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE



### TELECONFERENCE

On Wednesday, April 20, the Hospital Library Committee (HLC) of the RAC held its first committee-wide teleconference. There were 11 participants in all. The meeting was conducted using just the audio format, and lasted for about 115 minutes (a little more than an hour and a half.)

Minutes from the teleconference (as well as from the opening Committee meeting that took place at NAHSL '04) are available on NER web site at: <http://nlnm.gov/ner/hospminutes.html>

**The following topics for discussion topped the agenda:**

- Development of a hospital librarian orientation packet
- Feedback on the hospital library evaluation workshop: *"Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation to Demonstrate Value"*, offered in March, 2005
- Development of a hospital library intervention model
- Status of state adoption of MLA Hospital Library standards
- Developing a hospital library CE course
- Hospital librarians and their role in patient education

**Several action plans and teams were formed from the discussion:**

- To compile a hospital librarian orientation packet;
- To introduce a NAHSL-L survey identifying types of data to be measured;
- To develop a hospital library intervention model (to include a toolbox and a set of guidelines);
- To develop a hospital library CE course (currently awaiting acceptance from the NAHSL CE Committee, with the expectation to offer the course at NAHSL '06); and
- To devise a strategy introducing the library as a disseminator of patient education tools and materials.





## Let's welcome NER's Newest Members

Berlin-Peck Memorial Library	CTUKHA	Berlin, CT
Greenwich Public Library	CTUIWU	Greenwich, CT
Harvard University Biological Laboratories Library	MAUBSW	Cambridge, MA
Holliston Public Library	MAUKFO	Holliston, MA
Jamestown Philomenian Library	RIUKHB	Jamestown, RI
Monroe Public Library	CTUKGZ	Monroe, CT
Washington County Community Colleg	MEUKEC	Calais, ME



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Sunday, September 25 thru Tuesday, September 27

NAHSL '05

Providence, RI



## Put It in the Suggestion Box

The NER always welcomes suggestions from its network membership. Your suggestions help NLM constantly improve their offering of products and services, as well as help meet the needs of NN/LM members nationwide.

Please feel free to forward suggestions to Mark at:

508-856-5964 -or- [mark.goldstein@umassmed.edu](mailto:mark.goldstein@umassmed.edu).



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**INside OUTreach****Exhibiting as Outreach**

It is a fascinating thing to watch as a big, empty, concrete-floored arena becomes transformed into the carpeted, decorated space conference attendees refer to as an exhibit hall.

At the NER, we do quite a bit of exhibiting. We do exhibits at big national meetings, at regional meetings, and sometimes even at small health fairs. And, no matter the size, it is always interesting to watch the exhibit set-up process.

What's more important, though, is life on the exhibit floor.

When conference attendees think about exhibitors, they generally think about sales and salespeople. And many exhibitors are there in the hopes of making a sale, making contacts for future sales, or greeting the clients that are already their primary customers. For them, it's all about business.

Not so for the NER. For us, it isn't all about business. We're usually part of a small cadre of non-profits that exhibit at any given show. And why are we there? We are there to let people know that NLM has produced a wealth of information that's available online and free of charge. We're there to introduce new resources, answer questions about old familiars, and to be the face of NLM.

We choose the conferences we exhibit at because we believe that the attendees are users of NLM databases or will benefit from a greater knowledge of NLM products and services. Sometimes, we attend a given convention because the National Network Office of the NN/LM has asked us specifically to attend. Sometimes, we go because our primary user groups are in attendance (think NAHSL).

And, while we're there, we are greeting people, offering information, demonstrating databases, and answering questions. We love it when people stop and chat. We love it when people stop by and say, "Well, what's new at NLM?" Or, "What are you doing here? Doesn't everybody already know about PubMed?" Sometimes, people stop and look at our booth with a confused

look on their face and then say, "What? You mean there's such a thing as the National Library of Medicine? I didn't know that!" Or someone stops in to tell us their personal story about using MedlinePlus to get the information that helped shorten a loved one's illness or led to a proper diagnosis.

## **Exhibiting is Outreach**

Have you ever thought of doing an exhibit? Maybe there is an annual health fair in your area. Maybe there is some other sort of communal activity in your area - an annual town celebration or a gathering of community based organizations, for example. Or perhaps your city is hosting a state wide medical meeting and you'd like to participate with an exhibit.

Have you ever thought of doing an exhibit right where you are? Perhaps there is some occasion your library would like to celebrate. Make a big deal out of it. Put up a few tables. Call the vendors you work with and ask for support, participation, and promotional items. You might want to do it in the library itself. You might want to do it in the cafeteria, the lobby, or wherever people congregate.

And don't forget the NER if you think you'd like to do an exhibit. We can provide you with some literature about NLM products and services to hand out.

And, if you decide you'd like to do a health-related exhibit, the NER offers an Express Outreach Award that can be used to help with the funding.

It's a way to put a face on the library - a warm and welcoming face. It's outreach.

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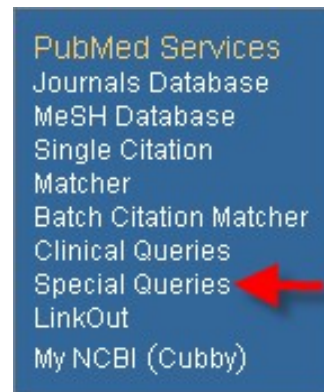
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## Pubmed Particulars

### Special Queries

As of April 29, 2005 a new service has been available from the blue side bar of the PubMed page: Special Queries.



Special Queries provides access to a directory of topic-specific PubMed queries.

Special Queries is another access point to some well-known PubMed features and, in my opinion, is designed to help users become aware of search options that may have been overlooked previously.

But, it also provides links to some features that may be new to many PubMed users.

The old favorites that Special Queries links to are:

- The three options currently residing on the Clinical Queries page
  - Search by Clinical Study Category
  - Find Systematic Reviews
  - Medical Genetics
  
- Subsets found on the Limits page
  - AIDS
  - Bioethics
  - Cancer
  - Complementary Medicine
  - History of Medicine
  - Space Life Sciences
  - Toxicology
  - Core Clinical Journals
  - Dental Journals
  - Nursing Journals

Some of the links on the Special Queries page, then, take searchers to a specified section of the Clinical Queries page or automatically turns on specific Limits.

What's new, then? There are 5 options listed on the Special Queries page that may be new to some PubMed users although all of these have been around for awhile:

#### **(1) HSR (Health Services Research) query filters**

This selection takes users to search filters developed by NICHSR

## Search by HSR Study Category

This search finds citations that correspond to a specific health services research study category. The search may be either broad and sensitive or narrow and specific. The search filters are based on the work of [Haynes RB et al.](#) See the [filter table](#) for details.

Search

Go

Clear

### Category

- Appropriateness
- Process assessment
- Outcomes assessment
- Costs
- Economics
- Qualitative research

### Scope

- Broad, sensitive search
- Narrow, specific search

You can read more about these filters at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/db.html>

## (2) Cancer Topics

This links to an NCI page where pre-formulated PubMed searches are available for certain cancer topics. Users start by choosing a broad category:

Cancer Topic Searches		
<a href="#">AIDS-Related Cancers</a>	<a href="#">Head and Neck Cancers</a> (incl. Oral)	<a href="#">Thoracic Cancers</a> (incl. Lung, Mesothelioma)
<a href="#">Breast Cancer</a>	<a href="#">Hematologic/Blood</a> (incl. Leukemia, Lymphoma, Myeloproliferative)	<a href="#">Tobacco</a>
<a href="#">Cancer Genetics</a>	<a href="#">Male Reproductive Cancers</a> (incl. Prostate, Testicular)	<a href="#">Urinary Tract Cancers</a> (incl. Bladder, Kidney)
<a href="#">Cardiovascular Cancers</a> (incl. Heart, Vascular)	<a href="#">Metastatic Cancer</a> (incl. Unknown Primary)	
<a href="#">Endocrine Cancers</a> (incl. Thyroid)	<a href="#">Neurologic Cancers</a> (incl. Brain, Neuroblastoma, Retinoblastoma)	
<a href="#">Gastrointestinal Cancers</a> (incl. Colorectal, Gastric, Liver)	<a href="#">Sarcoma</a> (incl. Bone, Soft Tissue)	
<a href="#">Gynecologic Cancers</a> (incl. Cervical, Endometrial, Ovarian)	<a href="#">Skin Cancers and Melanoma</a>	

Once the broad category has been chosen, a new page opens with additional, narrower search options. Here, for example, is the page for breast cancer:

Breast Cancer	
<b>Select Subcategory:</b>	<b>Select Timeframe:</b>
<input type="radio"/> Breast Cancer <input type="radio"/> Breast Cancer: Chemotherapy <input checked="" type="radio"/> Breast Cancer: Genetics <input type="radio"/> Breast Cancer: Radiotherapy <input type="radio"/> Breast Cancer: Screening and Prevention <input type="radio"/> Breast Cancer: Surgery	<input checked="" type="radio"/> All (No Date Limit) <input type="radio"/> Last 30 Days <input type="radio"/> Last 60 Days <input type="radio"/> Last 90 Days
<input type="button" value="SEARCH &gt;"/>	

When the searcher is satisfied with the choices, they click on Search and PubMed results are displayed. Give it a try and see what you think.

### (3) CAM on PubMed



This choice takes searchers to the National Center for Complimentary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) where there is an option to search PubMed.

## **CAM on PubMed**



[Search CAM on PubMed](#)

Your literature search will be automatically limited to the complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) subset of PubMed. Your searches are free.

Using this search option, searches will be automatically limited to the Complementary Medicine subset in PubMed.

### **(4) History of Medicine in PubMed**

Again, this selection will take the searcher to the History of Medicine web page where there is an option to search PubMed.

*Click here to search*



*History of Medicine Subset*

Using this option for searching PubMed automatically limits the search to the History of Medicine subset in PubMed.

### **(5) MedlinePlus Health Topics**

Selecting this option from the Special Queries page takes the user to MedlinePlus. One of the features on each MedlinePlus Health Topics page is a pre-formulated PubMed search. Here, for example, is the section of the Health Topics page for eczema:

Search MEDLINE/PubMed for recent research articles on

- [Eczema](#)

Clicking on the link runs the following search in PubMed:

<b>Limits: 2 Years</b>
<b>Query Translation:</b>
<pre>"eczema"[MeSH Terms] AND english[la] AND "humans"[MeSH Terms] AND (consumerj[sb] OR jsubsetaim[text] OR jsubsetn[text]) AND "2003/05/25 16.35"[EDAT] : "2005/05/24 16.35"[EDAT]</pre>

### Conclusion

So, what's to be said about Special Queries? Will librarians use it? Will clinicians and researchers use it? Will students use it? Only time will tell. The important thing is that this resource exists as another access point for finding information in PubMed. Librarians need to know that it's there, how to use it, and point it out to their user groups. So, take some time to poke around in there and see what you think.

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## Tech Time

### Spread the Word! The PubMed Central Manuscript Submission System Now Available!

#### Encourage People at Your Institution to Submit Manuscripts as Part of the NIH Public Access Policy

The goals of the NIH Public Access Policy are\*:

**ACCESS**—Provide electronic access to NIH-funded research publications for patients, families, health professionals, teachers, and students.

**ARCHIVE**—Keep a central archive of NIH-funded research publications—for now and in the future, preserving vital medical research results and information for years to come.

**ADVANCE SCIENCE**—Advance science by creating an information resource that will make it easier for scientists to mine medical research publications, and for NIH to better manage its entire research investment.

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NIH created an online system to streamline the process by which Principal Investigators (PIs) and authors can submit their peer-reviewed final manuscripts to NIH's PubMed Central (PMC). The [NIH Manuscript Submission \(NIHMS\) System](#) is currently accepting submissions through the [eRA Commons](#) (the Electronic Research Administration Web site for NIH Extramural principal investigators, grantees or applicants) and through NIH Login (for Intramural NIH scientists and staff). Third party submissions will

be accepted starting July 6, 2005.

NIH-funded investigators are *requested* to submit an electronic version of the author's final manuscript upon acceptance for publication, resulting from research supported in whole or in part, with direct costs from NIH. Beginning May 2, Electronic submission will be made directly to the NLM's PubMed Central (PMC) digital repository of full-text, peer-reviewed, biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research journals. At the time of submission, the *author* will specify the timing of the posting for public accessibility.

NIH *strongly encourages* authors to post for public accessibility *as soon as possible* (and within twelve months of the publisher's official date of final publication). NIH expects that only in limited cases will authors deem it necessary to select the longest delay period.

A number of PIs have already submitted manuscripts and papers. For others to enjoy the benefits of the Policy, please follow the submission process outlined below. Through submission, PIs can fulfill the existing requirement to provide publications as part of progress reports, and integrate manuscripts into the tools of PMC thereby increasing the visibility of your research and enhancing the likelihood of early and increased citation.

For more information about the NIH Public Access Policy, please visit: <http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/>. For details about the submission process, view the Public Access Policy *Authors' Manual* at [http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/publicaccess\\_Manual.htm](http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/publicaccess_Manual.htm). NIH welcomes comments and suggestions about the submission process. Please contact NIH at [PublicAccess@nih.gov](mailto:PublicAccess@nih.gov).

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During the NLM Update at the Medical Library Association conference in San Antonio, Betsy Humphreys, Deputy Director, National Library of Medicine encouraged health science librarians to:

- Promote and facilitate participation within your institution
- [Review the policy](#), the [Public Access Policy Web Page](#), [FAQs](#), and [sign on to listserv](#)
- Watch for more explanatory and educational materials from NLM/NIH, MLA, and AAHSL
- Be the source of information—and inspiration—in your institution

Looking for information to send to people in your organization?  
Send them to: <http://nnlm.gov/ner/newsletter/18/techtimes18.html#authorinfo>

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## **National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research (Public Access Policy).**

**[What does the policy say?](#)**

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### **What does the policy say?**

The Policy requests and strongly encourages all NIH-funded investigators to make their peer-reviewed author final manuscripts available to other researchers and the public at the NIH National Library of Medicine's (NLM) PubMed Central (PMC) (<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov>) immediately after the final date of journal publication. Authors are given the option to release their manuscripts at a later time, up to 12 months after the official date of final publication. NIH expects that only in limited cases will authors deem it necessary to select the longest delay period.

NIH is requesting that authors submit manuscripts resulting from 1) currently funded NIH research projects or 2) previously supported NIH research projects accepted for publication on or after May 2, 2005. The Policy applies to all research grant and career development award mechanisms, cooperative agreements, contracts, Institutional and Individual Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards, as well as NIH intramural research studies. The Policy applies to peer-reviewed, original research publications that have been supported in whole or in part with direct costs from NIH, but it does not apply to book chapters, editorials, reviews, or conference proceedings. Publications resulting from non-NIH-supported research projects should not be submitted.

## How do authors submit their manuscripts?

1. Go to the NIH manuscript submission (NIHMS) system (<http://www.nihms.nih.gov/>).
2. Select the appropriate login option (Note: the same login should be used for all subsequent visits to the NIHMS system)
3. NIH extramural investigators select "eRA Commons" (see "What is the NIH eRA Commons?" in the Authors' Manual ([http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/publicaccess\\_Manual.htm](http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/publicaccess_Manual.htm))).
4. NIH intramural employees select "NIH."
5. Provide basic information, including the journal title, PI, contact information, and associated NIH award number(s).
6. Upload the complete text of your manuscript(s). The NIHMS supports a wide variety of file types (MS Word, Word Perfect, PDF, PowerPoint, Excel, etc.).
7. Upload any corresponding, supplemental image files that contain figures, tables, or supplementary information along with the manuscript. Just as provided to publishing journals, submit high-resolution images to ensure that they can be viewed properly in PMC. Any supplemental material submitted to the accepting journal in support of the manuscript will be accepted also. The NIHMS will generate a receipt of the uploaded files in PDF format. The PDF receipt summarizes the information entered into the system and merges the manuscript's files into one viewable document.
8. Confirm that the manuscript and any additional supporting documents have been successfully received by NIHMS, and verify the document.
9. Review and approve the Submission Statement and specify the timing of posting of the final manuscript for public accessibility through PMC (this must be completed by the PI). Authors and/or their institutions should ensure that their final manuscript submissions to PMC are consistent with any other agreements, including copyright assignments that they may have made with publishers or other third parties. Upon approval of the submission by the PI, the manuscript will be converted into XML - the standardized digital format

used by PMC.

10. Review the XML manuscript as it will appear in PMC once the conversion has taken place (PIs will be notified by e-mail when the document is ready for review) and correct any errors, if necessary. After PI approval, the article will be publicly accessible through PMC after the time-delay specified by the PI.

## **How will authors benefit from submitting their full text articles to PMC?**

By submitting their peer-reviewed manuscripts, authors will enjoy several benefits of the Policy. First, PIs and institutions can use the manuscript submission as an alternative means to fulfill the existing requirement to provide publications as part of progress reports. Current NIH grants policy for progress reporting requires that one copy of each publication not previously submitted, including manuscripts submitted or accepted for publication, be provided to NIH. Beginning with progress reports submitted August 1, 2005 (i.e., progress report submissions for Fiscal Year 2006 funding), a reference to the PMC submission identification number may be included in progress reports in lieu of submitting a hard copy of the publication. If this method of submission is chosen by the grantee, this will replace the hard copy submission for any "published" or "accepted for publication" manuscripts. Please note that other aspects of annual Progress Reporting cannot be completed through the NIHMS system. Those materials must be submitted through the normal Progress Report submission process.

Second, by adding their manuscripts to PMC, authors benefit from the modern information technology tools already available (e.g., PubMed, GenBank, Genome Map Viewer, Molecular Database, MedlinePlus, Clinical Trials, Taxonomy, Small Molecules (PubChem), DNA, Protein Sequences, and Protein Structures, etc.) that are being used currently with thousands of full text articles already submitted by 178 journals. These tools will help scientists explore information across scientific fields or within narrow topical areas. This data mining and cross-linking of information should lead to new lines of research, as well as more comprehensive approaches to understanding the diverse and ever expanding amounts and types of scientific data.

Lastly, authors have the ability to ensure timely public access to their research manuscripts. Once their manuscripts are electronically available to the public and researchers through PMC, authors benefit from higher visibility of their research. In addition, publishers can submit the full text journal article and any publisher links to the article or article corrections for posting on PMC.

## Will NIH's Public Access Policy harm scientific publishing?

At this time, NIH is not aware that there will be a substantial impact. For example, only a portion of articles published in scientific journals result from research funded by the NIH. As such, it is unlikely that scientists and libraries would use the NIH Public Access Policy as the rationale for replacing their journal subscriptions. If they did, they would be able to access only a fraction of a journal's content. With regard to subscriptions, it is also important to note that there are many other components of journals, such as science news, industry information, literature reviews, job announcements, functional websites, and other time-sensitive products that bring value to the reader; these are not a part of the PubMed Central archive.

An increasing number of journals already provide access to the published article immediately or within one year of the publication. Most of the highly cited journals provide some form of public access within this timeframe.

In addition, the NIH Public Access Policy does not affect authors' freedom to choose the vehicle or venue for publishing their results. NIH expects that its awardees will continue to publish the results of their research consistent with their professional autonomy and judgment, in order to advance science as efficiently and comprehensively as possible.

### Resources

- Public Access Policy Website: <http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/>
- NIH Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) System: <http://www.nihms.nih.gov/>
- Public Access Policy in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-022.html>
- Implementation Plan: [http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/publicaccess\\_imp.htm](http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/publicaccess_imp.htm)
- Questions and Answers: [http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/publicaccess\\_QandA.htm](http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/publicaccess_QandA.htm)
- Public Access Policy Mailbox: [PublicAccess@nih.gov](mailto:PublicAccess@nih.gov)

\* From the *NLM Update: Part II*, presented by Betsy L. Humphreys, Deputy Director, National Library of Medicine, during the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May



17, 2005, in San Antonio, Texas. ([http://www.nlm.nih.gov/od/presentations/2005\\_MLA\\_update.ppt](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/od/presentations/2005_MLA_update.ppt))

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**CHIC CHAT**

Consumer Health Information

**Consumer Health Profile**

**Community Health Information Partnership (CHIP)  
Curtis Memorial Library, Parkview Adventist Medical Center and Mid Coast Hospital -  
Brunswick, Maine**

*As a parent are YOU*  
**at the end of  
your ROPE?**


**Brunswick area parents now have  
easy-to-find resources to help them cope,  
and even make headway with their kids.**

• Books & Videos in the Library Parenting Collection •  
• Childbirth & New Parent classes • Baby Sitting & First Aid  
Classes • Children's Resource Handbook • more •

log on to [www.chiplibrary.org](http://www.chiplibrary.org)  
call or visit Curtis Memorial Library

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725-5242 ext. 204 • [www.chiplibrary.org](http://www.chiplibrary.org)

**CHIP is a partnership of Curtis Memorial Library  
Parkview Adventist Medical Center & Mid Coast Hospital**



**C**  
Community  
**H**  
Health  
**I**  
Information  
**P**  
Partnership

From a modest beginning in 1995 of a personal computer and a few CD products from the Mayo Clinic, the collaboration of Curtis Memorial Library with Parkview Adventist Medical Center has grown into a robust Community Health Information Partnership (CHIP) of Curtis Memorial Library, Parkview Adventist Medical Center and Mid Coast Hospital. In 2003, Bowdoin College joined CHIP as a provisional operational partner.

### **Highlighted Accomplishments:**

Over the last five years, to accomplish the goal of providing quality, current health information to the communities they serve the partners have:

- In November, 2004, developed and rolled out a CHIP website at <http://www.chiplibrary.org> with content from Curtis Memorial Library, Parkview Adventist Medical Center and Mid Coast Hospital and design work by Allure Creative. The website features CHIP resources at the library and both hospitals, local and state health resources, classes and support groups, health highlights on health topics, links to quality national resources and to MARVEL, the suite of online databases with full-text articles from journals and magazines.
- Began running CHIP ads in The Times Record in November 2004. The contract specifies two ads per month and the ads feature CHIP resources, health topics, local, state and national resources.
- Purchased 2644 books, audiobooks, videos and periodicals with total circulation of 19,331 and 2943 renewals as of March 3, 2005 and an average of 40 in-state, inter-library loans per/month. Provided online, 24 hour a day access to online health databases from home and the library, first through an online product licensed by the CHIP partnership and currently through databases licensed by the State of Maine.
- Worked as a project partner with The Jeremiah Cromwell Disabilities Center to

purchase and distribute books about developmental disabilities to the libraries in the hospitals' catchment area. Eleven public libraries, Parkview Adventist Medical Center and Mid Coast Hospital all received a children's collection of books. An additional collection for parents and educators went to the four largest public libraries and to Mid Coast Hospital and Parkview Adventist Medical Center.

- Provided two traveling collections of health materials that are reaching residents of Bath, Topsham, Freeport, Dresden, Bowdoinham, Richmond, Lisbon Fall and Wiscasset. Added the Orr's Island and Cundy's Harbor libraries in Harpswell to the travel collection rotation.
- Developed two consumer health collections for staff at the Parkview Adventist Medical Center and the Mid Coast Hospital to arrive in 2005.
- Co-sponsored with the Cornerstones of Science a successful program Lyme Disease: Reduce Your Risk.
- Provided access to free Curtis Memorial Library cards for all staff at CHIP partner institutions.
- Provided health, wellness and parenting materials to clients of the Tedford Shelter at both the family and single shelters with a deposit collection at both shelters.
- Promoted the partnership through brochures, a health information kiosk at Curtis Memorial Library, and newsletters focusing on allergies, mental health, seasonal affective disorder, parenting, skin cancer prevention, nutrition and winter exercise, low-vision resources, and teenage alcohol abuse as well as partnership news and resources.
- Provided training for area librarians on online health resources with a trainer from the National Library of Medicine.
- Co-sponsored Senior Passport, a project to promote life-long learning for seniors that contained a component to use online health resources.
- Received a \$10,000 grant from the Ferguson Foundation to create Learning Bags/ health kits for area day cares, provide health videos to area schools and add more circulating health and wellness materials for children and young adults to the library collection.
- Received a \$5,000 grant from the New Century Community Library program and a \$1,000 grant from the Lions Club to develop a low-vision center at Curtis Memorial Library. The center, estimated cost \$10,000 has a station to magnify and to convert text into speech using technology such as scanners, text converters, sophisticated software and computers.
- Contributed \$2,000 toward printing the Children's Resource Handbook, a directory of children's resources in the area that is compiled by the Friends of the Library and available on the web. Copies of the handbook are distributed by Families Can to community service agencies and copies are available in libraries, schools and the hospitals.
- Cosponsored, with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Friends of the Library, a TV Turnoff Week gymnastics event on the Brunswick town mall and tips for Taming the TV habit on the Brunswick cable TV station.

For More Information:

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Web: [www.chiplibrary.org](http://www.chiplibrary.org) & [www.curtislibrary.com](http://www.curtislibrary.com)

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Brunswick, ME 04011  
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Web: [www.midcoasthealth.com](http://www.midcoasthealth.com)

Parkview Adventist Medical Center  
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Web: [www.parkviewamc.org](http://www.parkviewamc.org)

**Sources:**

Executive Summary, CHIP Partnership, Last update 3/24/2005

Site visit, April 5, 2005



## What's New with NIHSeniorHealth?

NIHSeniorHealth

1) New topic added: Age-related Macular Degeneration (contributed by NEI, National Eye Institute)

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/agerelatedmaculardegeneration/toc.html>

- Features these chapters:
  - AMD Defined
  - Causes and Risk Factors
  - Symptoms and Diagnosis
  - Treatments and Research

2) New topic added April 15, 2005: Low Vision (contributed by NEI, National Eye Institute)

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/lowvision/toc.html>

- Features these chapters:
  - Low Vision Defined
  - Causes and Risk Factors
  - Signs of Low Vision
  - Rehabilitation

3) Videos added to Sleep and Aging (contributed by NIA, National Institute on Aging)  
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/sleepandaging/toc.html>

- Videos are:
  - "Snoring"
  - "What Can You Do About Sleep Apnea?"
  - <http://nihseniorhealth.gov/videolist.html>

4) Recent additions to Exercise Stories  
<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/exercise/stories/stories.html>

- Mike from New Jersey -- Activities: Sailing, Biking, Strength Training
- Delores from Texas -- Activities: Aerobics

**Coming Soon:**

Next topic scheduled for release: Diabetic Retinopathy (contributed by NEI, National Eye Institute)

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# NEWS IN MOTION

## [New Projects Come Alive!](#)

### **[e-Mental Health in Central Massachusetts Go Local Massachusetts](#)**

It's been an exciting few weeks watching the time and effort of the previous months "come to life" with the launch of two web-based resources for quality consumer health information for the residents of Massachusetts. [e-Mental Health in Central Massachusetts](#) and [Go Local Massachusetts](#) seek to provide users with better awareness of, and easier access to, the healthcare services available in their local areas. Both projects are sponsored by the Lamar Soutter Library (LSL), University of Massachusetts Medical School, and made possible through funding from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region.

*e-Mental Health in Central Massachusetts* is a collaborative effort between LSL and several mental health agencies in the region. Visits with representatives from these agencies offered insight into five types of resources the Library could provide that would be helpful to practitioners as well as their patients/clients. These included:

- Information about mental health services available in Central Massachusetts
- Quality-filtered educational materials
- Referral information for healthcare providers
- Current news in the mental health field
- Professional resources

Today, the website offers contact information to approximately 400 agencies from Winchendon to Webster, Hardwick to Harvard, and all of the towns in between that make up Central Massachusetts. Other features include links to authoritative educational materials on 35 common mental health conditions, recent news stories from sources such as the National Mental Health Association, "Ask a Librarian" reference assistance, and document delivery services for the professional staff of our partner agencies. Finally, to improve the information literacy skills of users, on-line tutorials and classroom sessions for practitioners are being developed and will be available in the near future.

*Go Local Massachusetts* is designed to help users identify local health services, healthcare providers, and health-related programs that correspond to the information about a variety of health topics found on MedlinePlus. Since 1998, MedlinePlus has supplied quality-filtered consumer health information on more than 650 diseases and conditions. Massachusetts joins Indiana, North Carolina and Missouri as one of four states providing its residents with information to local health services through the "Go Local" project of the National Library of Medicine.

MedlinePlus  
**goLocal**  
Select services and providers for  
**Lyme Disease** in your area.

MA - Massachusetts

[Select from map](#)

Now, residents of Massachusetts can use the "Go Local Massachusetts" link on MedlinePlus health topics pages to find

information about related local health services in their geographical area. For example, if you choose "Go Local Massachusetts" from the MedlinePlus Lyme Disease page, you will be able to find links to Health Education Programs, Public Health Services, and Support Groups that address this disease in your town or region. "Go Local Massachusetts" currently provides information for close to 1,500 services throughout the Commonwealth. The database is growing daily with the goal of becoming a comprehensive collection over the next 12 months.

Questions or comments regarding either of these projects, as well as suggestions for sites/services to be included are welcomed. Please direct them to Sally Gore ([sally.gore@umassmed.edu](mailto:sally.gore@umassmed.edu)), Project Librarian, Lamar Soutter Library, the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION: MAINTAINING FREE AND UNRESTRICTED ACCESS

For over 140 years, the Government Printing Office (GPO) has kept America informed by producing and distributing publications from all three branches of the U.S. Government. The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to that information. Today, nearly 1,300 libraries nationwide have been designated as Federal depositories. Under the FDLP program, these libraries make available a wide range of government material.

There are certainly parallels between the NN/LM and the FDLP. The mission of the NN/LM includes providing "equal access to biomedical information" and improving "the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health." Likewise, the mission of the FDLP is "to ensure that the American public has access to its Government's information" and the libraries in the FDLP network are "committed to equity of access" and "free and unrestricted public use." Just as the NN/LM is the link between biomedical information and health professionals and consumers, the FDLP is the link between Government publications and U.S. citizens.

Today, of course, more and more government information is available on the Web. Nevertheless, some materials are still only available in print; some are easier to use in print format (just think of maps, for one); and some patrons simply prefer to read print copies (many senior citizens, for example, are uncomfortable using computers). FDLP libraries not only receive and organize government materials in various formats, but they also provide professional assistance in accessing and using it. In New England, there are Regional depository libraries in Connecticut (Connecticut State Library in Hartford - also serves Rhode Island); Massachusetts (Boston Public Library); and Maine (University of Maine, Orono - also serves New Hampshire and Vermont). Regional depositories receive all Federal publications. There are also 86 selective depositories around the region, which collect specific types of Federal materials. For instance, the Lamar Soutter Library at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester collects about 11% of all Federal materials - mostly of a medical nature. These publications, both print and electronic, are cataloged, and the paper copies, fiche, CDs and videos are shelved appropriately.

The FDLP libraries work hard to provide all citizens with access to government documents. Keeping the flow of information going and protecting the rights of U.S. citizens to access information from the Federal government is more important than ever today. So - the next time you need U.S. government documents or have questions about them - contact your friendly, helpful FDLP librarian!

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**New Public Health Information and Data Tutorial Released**





The National Library of Medicine, in collaboration with the University of Michigan Public Health Library & Informatics Division and Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce has released the Public Health Information and Data Tutorial. This online tutorial, at <http://phpartners.org/tutorial/>, is a new tool designed to help the public health workforce effectively locate and use health information.

The *Public Health Information and Data Tutorial* helps public health workers use and manage the wealth of information available from myriad sources. The tutorial is made up of four modules:

- Staying Informed
- Health Education Resources
- Health Statistics
- Evidence Based Public Health

"In these modules, users can learn how to build a plan to stay informed about developments and events related to public health, find reliable and authoritative consumer-oriented materials to support health education goals, retrieve statistical information, access data sets relevant to public health, and use information in support of evidence-based practice," commented Marjorie A. Cahn, head of the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR), NLM's lead office in the creation of the tutorial.

The *Public Health Information and Data Tutorial* builds on the success of *Public Health Information and Data: A Training Manual*, a publication for those developing training for the public health workforce published by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine and the National Library of Medicine, and prepared by the NN/LM Public Health Training Workgroup. The Public Health Information and Data Tutorial captures these critical strategies employed by information specialists in the field to locate and manage public health information in an easily accessible online format.

The *Public Health Information and Data Tutorial* was developed collaboratively by staff of the University of Michigan Public Health Library & Informatics Division, the Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce project, and the National Library of Medicine.



Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce (<http://phpartners.org>) is a collaboration of U.S. government agencies, public health organizations, and health sciences libraries. The group's mission is to help the public health workforce find and use information effectively, to improve and protect the public's health.

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[NIH Public Access Policy Web Page](#)

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