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From the Director’s Desk

The GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences will host a retreat on informatics and medical education for all full-time faculty, voluntary faculty, and support staff on May 22nd and 23rd, 2000. Come to the retreat to learn:

- How the SMHS has already begun to use medical information technology and informatics in the undergraduate medical curriculum.
- How to use current resources available to faculty to prepare leading edge educational materials and programs. (Many sessions will provide hands-on opportunities to try new technologies.)
- How to plan for upcoming advances in the electronic age of medical education.

A wide variety of workshops and demonstrations will be offered so that attendees may choose sessions at any skill level from introductory to advanced. A diverse set of topics, ranging from web-based courseware and distance education to evidence-based medicine will also be offered. CME credit will be provided to clinicians. Please review the Retreat web page at http://www.gwumc.edu/library/msretreat, mark your calendars, and sign up for those workshops of interest to you. Don’t miss one of the most exciting educational retreats in years!

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Himmelfarb Library Switches to GWorld Card for Photocopying

Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library will be switching to a new photocopy charge system. Effective July 1, 2000, all photocopy charges will be handled via your GWorld card. Your Digital Access Card (DAC) will no longer be valid. We are moving to the convenience of a one card system—the GWorld card.

Personal card holders: Please only add enough money to your card to take care of immediate copying needs. Do not add large amounts of money to your current card. Be sure to use the amount on your card before July 1. NOTE: If you are leaving for the summer there will be no refunds in the fall.

Departmental card holders: Library staff will be contacting your department administrator so that new cards can be issued for individuals. The only thing that you need to do is get the new card from your administrator before July 1.

This change was implemented as a part of university efforts to move to the GWorld card system. Photocopy charges after this change will be $0.09 per page.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this change.

Beth Layton
Deputy Director,
Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library
The Library is now offering MD CONSULT, a comprehensive online resource for finding clinical information. MD CONSULT provides both clinical content and current awareness tools.

Clinical content and features available from MD CONSULT include the following:

- Over 35 standard medical texts that can be browsed individually or searched collectively
- Interface for searching citations in MEDLINE, AIDSLINE, HealthSTAR, CANCERLIT, as well as full-text clinical information from over 45 medical journals
- Over 600 clinical practice guidelines compiled by medical societies and government agencies
- Nearly 3,000 patient education handouts that can be customized to include special instructions and/or information for a particular patient
- Full-text, searchable version of the drug text Mosby’s GenRX (for finding drug information)

To assist clinicians in keeping up-to-date with the latest medical news, MD CONSULT offers the following:

- Daily medical news headlines from Reuter’s Health
- Medical headlines from popular news sources (that patients might be reading)
- Summaries of the latest articles published in major medical journals
- Summaries and current bibliographies on various clinical topics
- Updates on newly approved drugs
- Opportunities for earning CME credit

You must be on campus to sign up to use MD CONSULT. Once you have signed up you will be able to access MD CONSULT from off campus as well. For more information about signing up, ask a

Quantitative and Qualitative Statistics

When statistics are mentioned, most people think of quantitative statistics. Measures such as standard deviations, t-tests, ANOVAs, and chi-square analyses are all types of quantitative statistics. These statistics are useful when data is easily measured and quantifiable, and are used to find significance of results.

However, there are times when the data gathered is not easily measured. Information gleaned from observational field notes, conversational interviews, original documents, and photographs cannot be readily quantified. In these instances, qualitative statistics can be used to gather the various data pieces and code them to reveal underlying patterns or connections.

Software programs are available to assist with both quantitative and qualitative statistical analysis. SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) is a widely used software package for quantitative analysis. This program allows the user to perform a variety of different analyses, as well as graph the data. NUD*IST (Non-numerical Unstructured Data Indexing Searching and Theorizing) is one of several programs on the market for use in qualitative analysis. It allows data to be indexed and grouped, with revisions possible as the data gathering continues. Both SPSS and NUD*IST are available on computers in the Women’s Board Teaching Center in the Library. The Library offers an introductory class on SPSS. Check www.gwumc.edu/library/calendar.htm for class schedule.
Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Do I check out AV material up here or at the 1st floor Circulation Desk?

Answer: All materials housed in the AV Study Center are checked out at the AV Circulation Desk. It is recommended that these materials also be returned directly to the AV Study Center for check-in.

Question: Do you copy audio or videotapes? What about editing my tape?

Answer: We provide a duplication service for non-copyrighted video and audio-tapes. No editing or splicing is available. Call the AV Study Center at 994-2856 for cost information.

Question: Can I copy software to use at home?

Answer: While most of our software is copyright-protected certain software programs are available for copying. Check with the AV Study Center staff to find out how programs may be copied.

Question: Can I print overhead transparencies in your printers?

Answer: NO!! Under no circumstances!! Overhead transparencies—even laser quality-melt in our printers and cause breakdowns and costly repairs. Print to paper and then photocopy onto transparencies.
New Ovid Features: Release 4.1.0

Recently, when you’ve selected an Ovid database (MEDLINE, HealthSTAR, CINAHL, etc.), you may have noticed that Ovid is offering an updated version of its search software. During a transition phase, you are presented with a choice between searching the current version of Ovid and the new release. After April 30, the switch will be complete and you will automatically access the updated version.

The updated Ovid looks and works in much the same way as the previous edition. However, Ovid has made changes and added features to create a more flexible and powerful research tool.

Multifile searching and Removing Duplicates

To begin a search, click in the checkboxes next to the databases you want to search in and press the "click to begin search" button on the left side of the screen. You can search up to 5 databases at once.

To get more information about a database, click the information icon.

Click the select a database to search tab to search databases one at a time, including those unavailable for multifile searching.

The new Ovid software allows you to search up to five databases at once and to remove the duplicate entries from your search. To search multiple databases, click on the tab to “Select more than one database to search” on the database selection screen. Mark the databases that you want to search with check marks and then click anywhere on the vertical bar labeled “Click.
After you’ve completed your search, click on “Remove Duplicates” below the Search History box. This command will remove duplicate citations where one article was included in several databases. Your result set contains all available citations on your topic with no repeats.

**Information icon**

Ovid has changed the appearance of its information icon and now makes it easier to access background information and scope notes. The redesigned information icon is also available in more locations throughout the Ovid system. The icon accesses term definitions and information on how different selections will be applied to your search. The icon can help you choose limiting features including evidence-based medicine reviews or age groups.
Delete Searches

Ovid now offers more flexibility in deleting searches. To delete searches, click on “Delete Searches” below the Search History box on the Main Search Page. As shown, you can select specific searches for deletion by marking the check box next to them, or you can delete all searches to clear the Search History.

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Delete Searches

Using the checkboxes provided, select one or more search sets to delete, then press Continue. Deleted sets cannot be recovered.

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Term Tree

When viewing terms that the system has suggested as part of its term mapping function, you can click on a term to see where it appears in the term tree. This allows you to see a term’s relationships to broader and narrower terms. The new Ovid software displays an expanded version, permitting you to see much more of the term tree. Plus signs adjacent to terms indicate that there are more specific terms that can be displayed by clicking on the plus sign. A minus sign next to a term indicates that all available terms are currently being displayed.
Web Links

In addition to providing links to an article’s abstract, complete reference, and full text when available, the new Ovid also provides a WebLink. WebLink connects directly to Aladin, the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC) catalog to find out which WRLC libraries own the journal that contains a particular article. As always, bright red text on the search results screen will indicate if Himmelfarb Library owns the journal by stating “Himmelfarb Library holds title” or “Himmelfarb Library has partial holdings.”

When you click on WebLink, a new window will open and connect directly to the Aladin catalog. A search for the journal’s International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) will automatically be executed and the results displayed. WebLink will then display the WRLC libraries which own that particular journal. Himmelfarb is not part of the WRLC system, but Himmelfarb holdings are indicated on the search results screen in bright red.
Ask A Librarian

If you need assistance with a database search, you can submit a question to the Ask A Librarian service. Your inquiry will be sent to Himmelfarb Library, and a Reference Librarian will respond with assistance and search suggestions. Your search history will be copied into the message and you can write a note describing your research.

To access Ask A Librarian, click on “Need help with your database search?” on the Main Search Page.
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### Library Hours

#### Holiday Hours
- **Monday, May 29, 2000** *(Memorial Day)*: **9:00-Midnight**
- **Tuesday, July 4, 2000** *(Independence Day)*: **(CLOSED)**

#### The Library is open to GW Medical Center Personnel
- **Monday-Friday**: 7:30 am-Midnight
- **Saturday/Sunday**: 9:00 am-Midnight

#### The Library is open to University Personnel:
- **Monday-Friday**: 7:30 am-6:00 pm

#### The Library is open to the public:
- **Monday-Friday**: 7:30 am-2:00 pm

*Please be prepared to show ID after 2:00 pm*

### Call for Help!

- **Administration**: 994-3528
- **AV Study Center**: 994-2856
- **Interlibrary Loan**: 994-2860
- **Reference Department**: 994-2850
- **Photocopy Service (HPS)**: 994-2860
- **Circulation**: 994-2962
- **Classroom Display Services**: 994-2856

**Mailbox:** library@gwumc.edu