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### Director's Desk - Welcome Address

On behalf of the entire Himmelfarb Library staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new Medical Center faculty, staff, and students. I would also like to extend greetings to all returning faculty and students on the start of a new academic year. The Library staff looks forward to meeting your information needs in the upcoming months. We also welcome your input! Contact me at 202-994-1826 or [mlbaml@gwumc.edu](mailto:mlbaml@gwumc.edu) with suggestions. The Library's e-mail address is [himmelfarb@gwu.edu](mailto:himmelfarb@gwu.edu). The telephone number for the reference desk is 202-994-2850.

We not only welcome your input; we also try to implement your suggestions whenever possible. Last spring, the Library conducted a survey to determine how patrons use our electronic resources and how we might tailor our selection of resources to better meet your needs. In upcoming months, you will see detailed responses to the survey in this newsletter. We have already reorganized our resources in international health to include many more materials covering Africa, the Caribbean, and South America. Thanks to the generosity of a local foundation, the Library has the opportunity to explore the use of alternate delivery methods for information as third-year medical students use and evaluate clinical textbooks in PDA format while on rotation. Another area identified in the survey as key to users is training. Many patrons would like additional instruction in using electronic resources. Please call Patricia Wilson, Associate Director, at 202-994-2853 to schedule sessions in the Library or on location in your department! Instructional librarians are happy to design brief programs that highlight topics of special interest to your department or specialty area and provide you with tips for using these resources from your desktop.

*Best wishes for a successful year!*  
 Anne Linton, Director, Library Services



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### Himmelfarb Food and Drink Policy

The Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, as one of the most student-friendly libraries in the country, allows food and drink in the library under the following guidelines which are strictly enforced:

1. Effective August 17, 1999, drinks are allowed in the Library ONLY in one of two container types: A) thermal mugs B) bottles with a pop-up closure. You will be asked to remove all other types of beverage containers from the Library. Please cooperate with Library staff. Individualized negotiations regarding acceptable versus not acceptable containers became too contentious to manage. A poster featuring approved mugs and bottles is available for your review at the Circulation desk.
2. Food is allowed in modest quantities (e.g. sandwiches or snacks); users are asked to clean-up and place wrappers in trash baskets. No food deliveries are allowed.
3. No food or drink is allowed near any equipment or computer workstation. This means no food or drink in the Bloedorn AV Study Center or Microcomputer Lab or around the PCs on the first floor of the Library.
4. Students who do not comply with these regulations will be directed to the Dean's Office (SMHHS or MISPH as appropriate) to explain their inability to follow posted regulations.

*Shelley A. Bader, Ed.D.*  
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### Himmelfarb Annual Booksale!

On August 27th and 28th, the Himmelfarb Annual Booksale will be held in the Levine Lounge. The booksale presents a great opportunity for faculty, staff and students to acquire useful medical, health and allied sciences, public health and health services textbooks for their personal collections.

On Wednesday, August 27th, books will be full price. All single books are priced from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Sets range up to \$20.00. On Thursday, August 28th, all titles will be free; but, do you want to take a chance that your choice will be scooped up by someone else?



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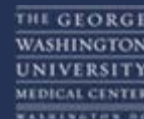
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### Himmelfarb Welcomes New Staff

During the past year, the Library has added a few new staff members to its roster; take a look below to get to know them.

#### Kate Finklestein, Reference Librarian

On August 1st, Kate Finklestein joined the Reference and Information Team as a Reference Librarian. She previously was Head of Education at McGoogan Library at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, where she organized the library's instructional services. She earned her MLIS from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. In her role as Reference Librarian, she will be participating in the Problem-based Learning groups for the MSI's, teaching instructional classes, and working with students, staff, and faculty at the Reference Desk. We are happy to have her join our staff. Please stop by and welcome Kate.

#### Tylka Vetula, Serials Librarian

The Himmelfarb Library welcomes Tylka Vetula who is joining our staff this fall as the Serials Librarian. Tylka received an MLIS from Simmons College in Boston. Her interest in serials began in the rare book room of Harvard's Countway Library. Since then she has worked with serials in academic/professional schools; one of which was the Burns Law Library here at GW. Most recently she was cataloging the prints and photographs in the History of Medicine's collection at the National Library of Medicine.

#### Shavonne Davis, Executive Aide

Shavonne Davis is the new Executive Aide for the AV Desk at Himmelfarb Library. She worked previously for Medical Center Facilities, serving as the Greeter for the Hospital 6th Floor. She comes from Roxboro, North Carolina, where she studied Business Management.

Shavonne plans to take classes here at GW. She loves cooking, music, and movies, and she thrives on excitement. We're excited to have her on staff!

#### David Harrington, ILL Specialist

Himmelfarb Library is happy to announce that David Harrington joined the library staff in February. He holds the position of Interlibrary Loan Specialist. David's background is in research and the use of technical systems. He has extensive customer service training. David will process all requests for materials held in the Himmelfarb collection as well as those Himmelfarb borrows from other libraries for our faculty, staff and students. He is the person who receives requests made through the Online Request form on our web page. Please help us welcome David to the Library.

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## Evangeline Alexander MLIS

Himmelfarb is happy to announce that Evangeline Alexander, MLIS, will be joining our staff as a National Library of Medicine (NLM) 2nd Year Fellow for the upcoming year. Evangeline spent the past year at NLM learning its operation and working with the various departments. She also completed two NLM Library projects. During her 2nd year here at GWUMC, she will be working with the staff of the Library and the Medical Center, learning how the schools operate, attending meetings, and observing how the Library is a major part of the academic, research and clinical operation of the Medical Center. Evangeline earned her MLIS from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she previously concluded a five-year enlistment in the U.S. Navy working as a cryptologist. Evangeline will be working within the various departments of the Library, as well as teaching classes and assisting patrons at the Reference and Information Desk. Welcome to Himmelfarb, Evangeline.



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### Circulation & Access Policies

The Circulation Department at Himmelfarb Library is responsible for the circulation of monograph, journal and reserve materials. In addition, the Department offers a photocopy service for materials held in Himmelfarb Library and maintains the self-service copiers on the 1st Floor. These copiers are functional with GWorld personal or departmental cards at the rate of \$0.07 per copy. Problems regarding GWorld cards should be reported to GWorld office in Marvin Center, Suite 501 or at 202-994-1795. Audiovisual materials may be borrowed at the AV Study Center located on the 3rd Floor of Himmelfarb Library.

Faculty, staff and students of The George Washington University may borrow materials. Your George Washington ID serves as a library card once you register at the Circulation desk. Currently, monographs are loaned for 3 weeks while reserve material and current 5 years journals circulate for 3 hours. Monographs can be renewed twice either in person or over the phone as long as there is not a hold on that item and your record is in good standing (call 202-994-2962). Patrons can also renew books online at the Library's website in the "Renew Items" section. Journals and reserve materials cannot be renewed. Overdue fines are \$0.25 per day for monographs and \$1.00 per hour for current journals and reserve material. For journals older than 5 years and monographic series, the fine is \$1.00 per day. The maximum fine for an item is \$25.00.

The Circulation Department is also charged with enforcing Himmelfarb Library's Access Policy. The Library's primary mission is to serve the faculty, staff and students of the George Washington University Medical Center. Due to limited space and study facilities, GW University library users not affiliated with the Medical Center may not use the Library after 6 pm on weekdays or on weekends. Please be prepared to show your GW ID when entering the Library after 2:00 pm on weekdays and on weekends.



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### Reference & Information Desk

The Himmelfarb Library Reference and Information Desk provides an array of services to the students, staff, and faculty of GWUMC, as well as the general public. These include: individual one-on-one instruction on using information resources, such as the variety of biomedical databases; group instruction on a variety of topics, such as searching MEDLINE and other biomedical databases, using EBM resources, accessing electronic journals and textbooks, or using various computer applications. We can also offer suggestions on locating the best sources for information. The reference librarians regularly provide curriculum support for various academic programs within the Medical Center throughout the year. In addition, the reference staff offers personal consultation services to assist students and faculty with research projects and papers at no charge. Online Search Services can be provided to staff and faculty for a small fee by completing the brief electronic form (located from the Library homepage). The librarians will also assist users in finding requested resources not available at Himmelfarb. Whatever information needs you might have, we will try to assist you in finding the best resources available.

The Reference Desk is staffed:

Monday-Thursday	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM

The telephone number for the reference desk is 202-994-2850. GWUMC users may also request services through the library e-mail at [himmelfarb@gwu.edu](mailto:himmelfarb@gwu.edu) requests will be answered on the next business day.



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### The Bloedorn AV Study Center, Microcomputer Lab & The Women's Board Teaching Center

The **Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center (BAVSC)** is located on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library and is restricted to faculty, staff, and students of the Medical Center. A valid GWorld ID card is required for all loan transactions.

The **BAVSC** contains more than 1500 videotapes, slide/tape programs, audio CD, and CD-ROM programs in the basic sciences and clinical medicine. An extensive audiotape collection is also available, which includes Audio Digest Journals on cassette. A variety of anatomical models are available for use in the Study Center. The **BAVSC** also provides study rooms and carrels equipped with PC's, slide projectors, and/or videotape players.

The **Microcomputer Lab** and the **Women's Board Teaching Center** are located in the AV Study Center and are for use by residents, staff, faculty, and students of the Medical Center. The Labs contain IBM-compatible PC's. Programs available for use include the Microsoft Office Suite and an extensive collection of Computer-Assisted Instruction (CAI). Software is loaded on our Local Area Network (LAN). Additional programs are available on CD-ROM format. Microcomputer hardware and software do not circulate. Orientations to the Microlab are available; no registration is necessary. For further information, call 202-994-2856.



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### Classroom & Teleconferencing Services

Classroom and Teleconferencing Services is located in the Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center on the third floor of the Himmelfarb Library. Services include classroom scheduling, audiovisual equipment reservation and coordinating teleconferences. One full time technician and one permanent part-time technician are responsible for providing audiovisual projection equipment and services throughout Ross Hall, Hospital 6th Floor and Himmelfarb Library classrooms on weekdays between 7:30am and 8:00pm. Requests for projection services outside of these hours are subject to technician availability and incur an overtime fee. A variety of equipment is available for loan and must be picked up and returned by the borrower at the Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center Circulation Desk. There is no charge for equipment loan services. A department fund and account number is required as security for each loan. Audio/video duplication services are also provided for a fee. Services are restricted to Medical Center affiliates. For further information call 202-994-2856 or e-mail [classrooms@gwumc.edu](mailto:classrooms@gwumc.edu).

### Classroom Reservations

All room and equipment scheduling for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the School of Public Health and Health Services is centralized under the Department of Classroom Services. Locations include Ross Hall, Hospital 6th Floor, and Himmelfarb Library.

All requests should be made using the Classroom Reservation Request Form found at the following URL: [inside.gwumc.edu/classroomsvs/requests/](http://inside.gwumc.edu/classroomsvs/requests/) or by calling 202-994-2856. Equipment requests should be made when scheduling a room in order to determine the appropriate room selection and reserve the necessary equipment. The equipment request should be entered in the Comment field of the online form.

### Teleconferencing Services

To participate in or receive a video teleconference please contact Classroom and Teleconferencing Services at least 2 weeks before the broadcast for availability of the teleconference center and to test the system compatibility. Fees are incurred based on the teleconference and required equipment.

Audio teleconferencing equipment is also available for use within designated classrooms and conference rooms.

All teleconferencing arrangements can be made by calling 202-994-2856 or e-mail [classrooms@gwumc.edu](mailto:classrooms@gwumc.edu).



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### Biomedical Communications Spotlight

Biomedical Communications at The George Washington University Medical Center is a full service photography, duplication, and graphics department. As a GW Medical Student, you are entitled to the wide variety of affordable, high quality services offered at Biomedical Communications.

First of all, we offer fast, reliable, high quality film processing at a competitive price. We have a convenient film drop box located on the 3rd Floor of Ross Hall, just off the elevators. Have your 35mm, APS, or black and white film processed in just a few days. Follow the simple instructions posted on the box, drop your film in the slot, and wait for us to call you when your processing is ready for pick-up. Film is picked up every morning at 8am and is ready for pick up within 2 days.

In addition to personal film processing, we offer other services that might be of interest to you. For example, we provide instant passport, INS, & application photos, we can design and print business cards, we offer same day E6 color slide film processing, and we sell single use cameras with flash for only \$5.99. We also document research in digital formats and can prepare your research data for publication. We design, layout, and print poster presentations. Document printing and binding and produce high-resolution color copies are other services offered by Biomedical Communications.

These are just a few of the many services we offer here at Biomedical Communications. For a complete listing of our services, please visit our website at [http://www.gwumc.edu/mccm/design\\_photo/index.html](http://www.gwumc.edu/mccm/design_photo/index.html).

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### Himmelfarb Network News!

The Himmelfarb Library is in the process of improving access speed to our resources. During the month of July the library's computers will be switched to the new fiber network recently installed in Ross Hall. This switch should increase both the speed and reliability of our network, and subsequently, access to our networked resources.

The Himmelfarb Library also provides a wireless network on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library. Laptop users can access the Internet and all web-based resources from the study carrels and rooms on the third floor. In order to use this network, patrons will need to purchase and configure a wireless network card on their laptop. (The library recommends the ORINOCO IEEE Wireless World PC Card.) General instructions on configuring the card and using the network are available at [www.gwumc.edu/library/tutorials/wireless.pdf](http://www.gwumc.edu/library/tutorials/wireless.pdf).

A GWMail username and password are required to login to the GWireless page (<http://helpdesk.gwu.edu/helpdesk/faqs/gwireless.html>). This page provides direct links to the GW portal, the GW University's web page, Gelman Library, and the GWU Medical Center web page. It is also possible to surf the Internet by entering specific URLs to access other, non-GW web sites. Printers and the resources of the BAVSC will not be accessible via the wireless network.

For more information, please contact Alexandra Gomes, Assistant Director for Technology and Curriculum ([mlbawg@gwumc.edu](mailto:mlbawg@gwumc.edu), 202-994-1825).



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### PDA Resources at Himmelfarb

The Himmelfarb Library is continuing to offer more ways to use your PDA here at the Medical Center. For example, there are two syncing stations now available at the Library. One of these is located at the public terminal directly behind the Reference Desk, and the other station is located in the 3rd floor AV Study Center. Now, if you subscribe to PDA content providers (such as Epocrates or Avantgo), you can sync and update content to your PDA while you're at the Library. The syncing stations use an infrared (IR) port to connect to your PDA; so no special cradle is needed. Both Palm OS and Pocket PCs can be used with the stations, after some initial setup.

If you haven't done so already, please visit this site. You'll find lots of useful information about PDAs in general, links to general and medical portals, medical software (textbooks, tools, etc.), listservs and discussion groups, and a suggestion box where you can submit comments or suggestions for other resources to add. We continually update this page as more resources of interest become available.

Other new resources for PDA users include the availability of free textbooks for Palm users via our eMedicine subscription. eMedicine is a new collection of resources that we recently added to our [MEDLINE and Other Databases](#) page. It can be accessed anywhere on the GWU campus. Once you access eMedicine, select "PDA/Palm Downloads" from the menu on the left-hand side to get a listing of available textbooks and instructions for downloading them. In addition to these texts, "MDConsult Mobile" is now available to anyone who already has an MDConsult account. Via this new free service, you can get news, drug updates and journal abstracts. Both Palm OS and Pocket PC platforms are supported. For more information on the service, go to

[http://www.mdconsult.com/offers/pm\\_mobile.html/standard.html](http://www.mdconsult.com/offers/pm_mobile.html/standard.html)

We hope you find these resources useful and we look forward to adding more of them in the future.



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### Security & Library Resources

During your years at GW, you will have access to a number of information resources through Himmelfarb Library. These resources include databases (Ovid MEDLINE, MDConsult, etc.), e-texts (Harrison's, Scientific American Medicine, etc.), and e-journals (JAMA, Pediatrics, etc.) These resources are licensed to Himmelfarb Library to be used by GW students and faculty in exchange for substantial fees. If a company determines that our students are using a resource inappropriately (downloading or printing large portions) or accessing it inappropriately (sharing logins/passwords, accessing restricted resources), they may cancel our subscription and/or decline to renew it.

To be sure that you can continue to access high-quality information resources and to ensure that Himmelfarb Library can continue to offer them, it is important that you:

1. Never share your login or password. If a colleague needs access to a resource, please refer him or her to the Library for immediate assistance.
2. Use your access only for research directly related to your education (class work, rotations, personal research). If you are working for someone, that person's status (GW faculty or unaffiliated physician) applies rather than yours. Ask a librarian for assistance in handling this situation.
3. Report any problem with a resource immediately.

If you have any questions regarding security or appropriate use of Library resources, please contact Laura Abate at 202-994-8570 or [mlblea@gwumc.edu](mailto:mlblea@gwumc.edu).



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### Savvy Searcher - Database Overview

Overview of Database Resources

When you need medical information, you probably instinctively head for a computer and access the Himmelfarb Library homepage (<http://www.gwumc.edu/library>). From there, you may go a bit farther and access the [Databases/MEDLINE](#) page using the menu on the left-hand side of the screen. At that point though, confusion can set in:

Which database should I use?

How do I search it?

What will the results look like?

If you have any questions about searching or finding information, you should talk to librarians at the Reference Desk. They are familiar with the databases available, search strategies, and methods for narrowing your search to the most relevant information. Plus, they are eager to help you! If you're not in the Library, you can also call in (202-994-2850) or send e-mail ([himmelfarb@gwu.edu](mailto:himmelfarb@gwu.edu)). The Reference Desk is staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. Saturday hours are 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Himmelfarb Library also offers free one-hour classes to teach GWU Medical Center students, faculty, and staff to use information resources. Some classes do require registration fees from Hospital and MFA staff. Check the Library homepage or go to the Continuing Education Course Schedule ([/courses](#)). All classes require advance registration. Contact the Reference Desk to register for classes and to obtain additional information at 202-994-2850. If you are unable to come to a class, check the library homepage for online Tutorials and Instructions.

### Search Skills: Apply Your Savvy

As you look at the databases offered, you'll realize that a lot of them function in the same way. You can search a number of databases using the Ovid search system. Once you've tried this search interface on one database, you'll have the tools in hand to search other Ovid databases. Himmelfarb Library offers the following databases through Ovid: MEDLINE, AMED, CANCELIT, CINAHL, Health and Psychosocial Instruments, HealthSTAR, PsycINFO, SPORTDiscus, Journals@Ovid (Fulltext), Clinical Evidence, and EBM Reviews: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, EBM Reviews: ACP Journal Club, EBM Reviews: Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness, and EBM Reviews: Cochrane Controlled Trials Register.

While not all databases are available through the Ovid interface, you can transfer some of the search savvy that you acquired from Ovid searching to other interfaces. You can check these database systems for the mapping features and controlled vocabulary that you used

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in Ovid or similar tools like thesauri and indexes. Look at other databases with an eye toward narrowing your searching to recent years, to human research, and to English-language publications. Non-Ovid databases to which the Library subscribes include eMedicine, African HealthLine, MDCConsult, Natural Medicines, and Web of Science.

In the past, database searching referred almost exclusively to indexes of journal articles and other types of periodical publications. In recent years however, many reference books have become available in an electronic format. While journal articles tend to describe recent research and study results, reference books can provide overviews of topics. When you need a definition or general description, reference books can provide immediate and full-text access to information. MDCConsult and Books@Ovid are linked on the E-Texts page and both provide access to a number of full-text reference books.

In addition to journal articles and textbooks, some databases provide full-text information that has never been previously published in either format. EMedicine offers full-text, peer-reviewed, continuously updated articles describing a wide range of diseases and conditions. Natural Medicines provides full-text, high quality information on herbs, vitamins, food supplements and other types of alternative medicines. Ident-A-Drug identifies drugs based on a pill's physical markings.

### **Search Results: Full-Text and Abstracts**

Although some indexes are beginning to offer full-text articles and other publications, many extremely useful indexes still offer only citations and abstracts. This means that when you examine your search results, you'll examine summaries and descriptions of journal articles rather than the complete journal article. While you may prefer full-text databases, remember that a lot of useful information can be found in the abstract of an article and valuable information may not be available full-text online.

When searching an index, use abstracts to your advantage. By reading an article summary, you may acquire enough information to know if the complete article contains the information that you need or if you need to keep looking. In this way, abstracts can save you time by helping you eliminate irrelevant or off-target articles and allowing you to focus on articles that have the information that you need.

You should select a database based on the type of information that you need: recent studies are available in journal articles versus summary information that is offered by reference books. MEDLINE is the most comprehensive medical database in existence and is frequently a good place to start for journal articles, while MDCConsult and Clinical Textbooks via Books@Ovid both offer searchable collections containing full-text multiple reference books.

Next, focus on the content coverage of the databases available to select the one that best meets your search needs. MEDLINE is the premier biomedical database in the world; CINAHL covers the nursing and allied health literature; SportDISCUS provides access to sports and sports medicine literature; and PsycINFO details psychologic and psychiatric information.

Finally, you should consider the format of the information resources available. You will also need to decide between abstracted and full-text information sources, depending on the scope of your search and the time available. Your final decision will focus on the content coverage of the databases available.

### **Database Selection: Keep it Relevant**

The following annotated list of databases should give you an idea of the breadth and format of information available.

**African HealthLine** - Collection of bibliographic databases on African health issues provides access to African Index Medicus, CAB Health Database (African subset), Healthlink Worldwide, Medicines Information Centre Reference Database of the University of Cape Town, Community Health Information Database, SAMED, AIDS Consortium



Resource Centre Database, MEDLINE (African health subset), Index to South African Periodicals (African health subset), South African Index to Theses and Dissertations (African health subset), Bibliography of Filariasis, African Laboratory for Natural Products Database, and Waterlit. Coverage: 1966 and earlier - Present. Produced by the National Inquiry Services Centre (Pty) Ltd.

**AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine)** (Ovid) - covers fields allied to medicine and complementary medicine, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, podiatry, and palliative care. Coverage: 1985 - Present. Produced by the Health Care Information Service of the British Library.

**CANCERLIT** (Ovid) - all aspects of experimental and clinical cancer therapy, screening and detection, prevention, and genetics; including chemical, viral and other cancer causing agents; mechanisms of carcinogenesis; biochemistry, immunology, and physiology of cancer; and mutagen and growth factor studies. Coverage: 1975-2002 (Closed). Produced by the U.S. National Cancer Institute.

**CINAHL** (Ovid) - the Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health database provides authoritative coverage of the literature related to nursing and allied health. Coverage: 1982 - Present. Produced by CINAHL Information Systems.

**Clinical Evidence** (Ovid) - "Clinical Evidence is a continuously updated international source of evidence on the effects of clinical interventions. Clinical Evidence summarizes the current state of knowledge and uncertainty about the prevention and treatment of clinical conditions, based on thorough searches and appraisal of the literature. It is not a textbook of medicine nor a set of guidelines. It describes the best available evidence and if there is no good evidence it says so." Produced by the BMJ Publishing Group.

**Cochrane Library** - regularly updated reviews of the effects of health care, critical assessments and structured abstracts of good systematic reviews published elsewhere, bibliographic information on controlled trials, information on the science of reviewing research and evidence-based health care. Coverage: Current. Produced by the Cochrane Collaboration.

**All EBM Reviews: ACP Journal Club, Cochrane Database, DARE, and CCTR** (Ovid) - This multifile database allows you to search simultaneously the Evidence Based Medicine Reviews databases: ACP Journal Club (ACP), Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (COCH), Cochrane Controlled Trials Register (CCTR), and Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE). Term Mapping is not available in Multifile databases.

**EBM Reviews: ACP Journal Club** (Ovid) - collection consists of two journals: ACP Journal Club, a publication of the American College of Physicians, and Evidence-Based Medicine, a joint publication with the British Medical Group. Coverage: 1991 - Present.

**EBM Reviews: Cochrane Controlled Trials Register** (Ovid) - CCTR contains over 300,000 bibliographic references to controlled trials in health care. Produced by the Cochrane Collaboration along with the National Library of Medicine (U.S.) and Reed Elsevier (The Netherlands).

**EBM Reviews: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews** (Ovid) - full text of the regularly updated systematic reviews of the effects of healthcare prepared by The Cochrane Collaboration. Coverage: Current. Produced by the Cochrane Collaboration.

**EBM Reviews: Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness** (Ovid) - a full-text database containing critical assessments and structured abstracts of systematic reviews from medical journals from around the world. It covers topics such as diagnosis, prevention, rehabilitation, screening, and treatment. Produced by the National Health Services' Center for Reviews and Dissemination (NHS CRD) at the University of York, England.

**eMedicine** - Knowledge-based information system that provides access to peer-reviewed, continuously updated medical reference articles, PDA downloadable textbooks, and image

library. Also provides personalized education system and CME, CE, and OCEU. Produced by eMedicine.com.

**Haz Map** - is an occupational toxicology database designed to link jobs to hazardous job tasks which are linked to occupational diseases and their symptoms. It is a relational database of chemicals, jobs and diseases. Coverage: Current. Produced by the Specialized Information Services of the National Library of Medicine.

**Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HAPI)** - Access to information on measurement instruments (questionnaires, index measures, rating scales, tests, etc.) in the health fields, psychosocial sciences, and organizational behavior field. Coverage: 1985 - Present.

**Ident-A-Drug** - Identifies drug products by the numbers and letters printed on them, the color and shape of the product, or by NDC code. Produced by the Therapeutic Research Center.

**LILACS** - Covers Latin American and Caribbean health sciences literature. Indexes articles from 670 + medical journals and also includes : theses, thesis chapters, books, book chapters, congress and conference proceedings, technical and scientific reports, and government publications. Coverage: 1982 - Present. Produced by BIREME, a PAHO Specialized Center.

**MDConsult** - Clinical knowledge system provides access to electronic textbooks, practice guidelines, drug information, journal search, news, and patient education materials with emphasis on full-text materials. Individual login and password required -inquire at Reference Desk. Produced by MD Consult, a division of Elsevier.

**MedCarib** - Covers health sciences literature from English speaking Caribbean countries. Includes books, book chapters, theses, technical reports, congress and conference proceedings, and journal articles. Coverage: 19th century - Present. Produced by Caribbean Net.

**MEDLINE** (Ovid) - encompasses information from Index Medicus, Index to Dental Literature, and International Nursing, as well as other sources of coverage in the areas of allied health, biological and physical sciences, humanities and information science as they relate to medicine and health care, communication disorders, population biology, and reproductive biology. Coverage: 1966 - Present. Produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

**MEDLINEplus** - access through web links to extensive information about specific diseases and conditions, consumer health information from the National Institutes of Health, clearinghouses, dictionaries, lists of hospitals and physicians, health information in Spanish and other languages, interactive health tutorials, and clinical trials. Coverage: current. Produced by the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

**Natural Medicines** - Information on natural medicines including alternate and scientific names, uses, safety, efficacy, mechanism of action, active ingredients, adverse reactions, interactions, drug influence on nutrient levels and depletion, dosage and administration, brand names, and patient education handouts. Produced by the Therapeutic Research.

**OSH-ROM** (Silver Platter) - Occupational Safety and Health - bibliographic databases pertaining to occupational health and safety, and environmental medicine. Coverage varies by database. Produced by SilverPlatter's Health and Safety Publishing group.

**PDQ** - contains peer-reviewed summaries on cancer treatment, screening, prevention, genetics, and supportive care; a registry of approximately 1,800 open and 10,300 closed cancer clinical trials from around the world; and directories of physicians, professionals who provide genetics services, and organizations that provide cancer care. Coverage: current. Produced by the National Cancer Institute.

**POPLINE** - international coverage of population, family planning, and related health issues. Coverage: 1970 - Present (some sources date from 1827). Produced by the Population Information Program, Center for Communication Programs, Johns Hopkins University.

**PsycINFO** (Ovid) - professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines including medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, and other areas. Coverage: 1887 - Present. Produced by the American Psychological Association.

**PubMed** - free access to Medline. Coverage: 1966 - present. Provided by the National Library of Medicine.

**RehabData** - is the leading literature database on disability and rehabilitation. The main file describes over 12,000 documents covering physical, mental, and psychiatric disabilities, independent living, vocational rehabilitation, special education, assistive technology, law, employment, and other issues as they relate to people with disabilities. The types of documents described in REHABDATA include research reports, books, journal articles, and audiovisual materials. Coverage: 1997 - Present. [Backfile available - 1956-1996] Produced by the National Rehabilitation Information Center.

**SPORTDiscus** (Ovid) - serial and monographic literature in the areas of sport: recreation, exercise physiology, sports medicine, coaching, physical fitness, the psychology, history and sociology of sport, training, and conditioning. Coverage: 1949 - Present. Produced by the Sport Information Resource Centre.

**TOXNET** - a cluster of databases on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, and related areas, including HSDB, IRIS, CCRIS, GENE-TOX, TOXLINE, EMIC, DART/ETIC, TRI, ChemIDplus, HSDB Structures, and NCI-3D. Coverage: varies by database. Sponsored by the National Library of Medicine, through the Toxicology and Environmental Health Information Program of its Specialized Information Services Division.

**Web of Science** - Search the Science Citation Expanded Index, the Social Sciences Index, and the Arts & Humanities Index. Perform cited reference searches. Coverage: 1992 - Present. Produced by ISI.



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### Database Digest

#### USDA National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference – Release 15

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/Data/SR15/sr15.html>

Would you like to know what is in your food? The USDA National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference allows you to look up the nutrient content of 6220 different foods. You can search the database online or download the database for use on your computer whenever you want. You can display reports of all the foods in the database, separated into files according to food groups. You can also display nutrient lists for selected foods and nutrients. These lists are sorted either by food description or in descending order by nutrient content in terms of common household measures. (You will need Adobe Acrobat viewer to view the reports and nutrient lists.)

#### IBIDS Database of Dietary Supplement Literature

<http://dietary-supplements.info.nih.gov/showpage.aspx?pageid=48>

The International Bibliographic Information on Dietary Supplements (IBIDS) database provides access to bibliographic citations and abstracts from published, international, scientific literature on dietary supplements. It contains over 690,000 citations on the topic of dietary supplements from four major database sources: biomedical-related articles from MEDLINE, botanical and agricultural science from AGRICOLA, worldwide agricultural literature through AGRIS, and selected nutrition journals from CAB Abstracts and CAB Health. It is produced for consumers, health care providers, educators, and researchers with citations dating 1986 to the present. There are three search options: the full IBIDS database; the IBIDS consumer database; or peer reviewed citations only. To assist those who might be unfamiliar with scientific terminology, a copy-and-paste keyword list is provided. New search terms, abstracts and citations are added quarterly.

IBIDS is a collaborative effort between the National Institutes of Health's Office of Dietary Supplements and The Food and Nutrition Information Center (FNIC), The National Agricultural Library (NAL), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), United States Department of Agriculture(USDA).

#### DIRLINE

<http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov/>

The Directory of Information Resources Online (DIRLINE) is an easy to search database that contains location and description information about a wide variety of information resources including organizations, research resources, projects, and databases concerned with health and biomedicine. The categories of resources in DIRLINE include federal, state, and local government agencies; information and referral centers; professional societies; self-help groups and voluntary associations; academic and research institutions and their programs; information systems and research facilities. DIRLINE is produced by the

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National Library of Medicine and can be searched directly from its website or through the NLM Gateway <<http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov>>.



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