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Director's Desk

Hello! I want to wish all students the best of luck on final examinations and papers. The Himmelfarb staff would like to help you end the fall semester with as little stress as possible. As always, let the librarians at the Reference Desk know if we can help you locate materials on research topics, find a good study guide, cite an article properly, or locate a reserve item! Just stop by or call (202-994-1826) or e-mail us at (himmelfarb@gwu.edu).

I would also like to ask students to help us help you by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Limit the quantities of food and drink you bring into the Library so that cleanup is quick and easy. That way the next student can sit down and begin working right away. Never eat or drink near computer workstations or equipment. Keep our new computers free of sticky substances and dirt!
- Respect the quiet areas of the Library on the Terrace Level and the Second and Third floors. Try to keep group projects in group study rooms. Take cell phone calls to nearby lounges. (To reserve a room or check out equipment, stop by the AV Study Desk or call 202-994-2856.)
- Guard your valuables at all times. Do not leave them unattended.
- Show your GWorld card when asked. We have lots of new staff who may not know you yet, and we are trying to reserve limited Library space for Medical Center students on evenings and weekends. It is Medical Center policy to wear ID's at all times in Ross Hall.
- Please leave on time! The Library closes at midnight most days and staff have to check and close up the building before heading home. By leaving promptly, you help them get home safely and in a timely fashion.
- Dress in layers. The weather in Ross Hall and Himmelfarb is always unpredictable and not under our immediate control!

Best wishes for a successful end of the semester and a prosperous 2004!
Anne Linton, Director, Library Services
Himmelfarb Library Adds New Titles to its Journal Collection

Annual Review of Genomics and Human Genetics
In addition to the online access, we now will have this title in print beginning with v. 2 (2002) and shelved on the second floor.

Breast Cancer Research and Treatment
Issues include information dealing with original laboratory investigations, clinical studies, invited review articles, pro and con discussions of controversial subjects, book reviews, meeting reports, editorials, and panel discussions presenting important topics.

Breast Journal
This is the official journal of The American Society of Breast Disease, The Senologic International Society, and The International Society of Breast Pathology.

British Medical Journal
The print edition of BMJ is returning to the collection

Clinical Trials
Journal of the Society for Clinical Trials

European Journal of Neuroscience
Published on behalf of the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies, this multidisciplinary journal publishes experimental and theoretical studies of nerve cells and nervous systems, including a range of approaches from molecular to behavioral and cognitive.

Journal of Vascular Interventional Radiology
This is the journal of the Society of Interventional Radiology which addresses critical medical, minimally invasive, radiological, pathological, and socioeconomic issues of importance to vascular and interventional radiologists.

Neuroreport
Papers from leading research centers are published on aspects of sensory and motor systems, as well as cellular, molecular and developmental neuroscience and behavioral, integrative and clinical neuroscience.

Neurotoxicology
Original research papers deal with the effects of toxic substances on the nervous system of humans and experimental animals of all ages with special emphasis on papers dealing with the neurotoxic effects of environmentally significant chemical hazards, manufactured drugs and naturally occurring compounds.

Toxicological Sciences
This is the official journal of the Society of Toxicology, previously known as Fundamental assesses the potential adverse health effects resulting from the exposure of humans or animals to chemicals, drugs, natural products, or synthetic materials.

What was is now (title changes)

» Cause/Effect is now Educause Quarterly
» Japanese Journal of Cancer Research is now Cancer Science
» Sports Medicine, Training and Rehabilitation is now Research in Sports Medicine

What was is no longer (cessations)

» Health Forum Journal
Himmelfarb Food & 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.
Associate Vice President,
Educational Resources
Himmelfarb Welcomes New Staff

Ruthmarie Kelley

Himmelfarb Library welcomes Ruthmarie Kelley to the Information/Instructional Services Group as a Reference Librarian. Ruthmarie comes to us from CDM Group, a government contractor specializing in mental health and substance abuse information. She holds a B.M. and M.M. in music, and received her M.L.S. from then University of Maryland at College Park. Ruthmarie is already involved in problem-based learning, teaching, and serving on the reference desk. Stop by and welcome her to the Himmelfarb family. Welcome, Ruthmarie.

Kristina Womack

The Himmelfarb Library welcomes Kristina Womack who joined our staff this fall as the Cataloging and Reserves Specialist. Kristina is currently enrolled in the Southern Connecticut State University distance Library Science program and will receive her MLS in the Spring of 2005. Most recently Kristina worked for Tutor.com Virtual Reference Division, where she provided virtual reference assistance. Welcome, Kristina.

Laurie Lyons

Himmelfarb Library is pleased to welcome Laurie Lyons as a Reference Specialist. Laurie comes to us from JSI/DELIVER in Arlington where she was a HIV/AIDS Program Associate. Laurie graduated from Rutgers University in 1997 with a B.A. in Women's Studies, and a minor in Spanish. She completed course work in public health, sociology, and sexuality. Laurie will be responsible for providing coverage on the Reference Desk, teaching library classes, and assisting students, staff, and faculty with their information needs. Please stop by and welcome Laurie.
Library Faculty Presents

During the 2002-2003 the Himmelfarb Library Faculty was busy presenting papers and posters at various professional meetings. These presentations assist us in highlighting the part that we play in educating our students in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the School of Public Health and Health Services. All our work was peer reviewed prior to acceptance for each meeting. The presentations and the faculty authors are listed below:

**Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, May 2-7, 2003, San Diego, CA.**

- Using Consortia to Expand E-Content. Invited Paper. Anne Linton, MS, AHIP and Patricia Wilson, MIS.
- Evaluation of Evidence-Based Medicine Search Skills in the Clinical Years. Poster. Anne M. Linton, MS, AHIP; Patricia H. Wilson, MIS; Alexandra Gomes, MSLS, MT; Matthew Mintz, MD.
- Online Requests: Towards Expanded and Efficient Management. Poster. Michael Acadia, MLS, Web Coordinator; Natalie Collins, MLS, Head, Cataloging & Reserves; Patricia Wilson, Associate Director, Public Services.
- Testing Search Skills in a Real-Time, Cased-Based Setting. Poster. Patricia Wilson, MIS; Alexandra Gomes, MSLS, MT; Anne Linton, MS.


- Solutions for the Crisis in Scholarly Publishing in the Sciences. Poster. Anne M. Linton, MS; Leah Pellegrino, MSLS; Laura Abate, MSLS; Kathe Obrig, MSL.

**Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), November 2002, San Francisco, CA**

- "Real-Time" Computer-Based PBL Exam. Poster. Matthew Mintz, MD; Patricia Wilson, MIS; Alexandra Gomes, MSLS, MT ; Anne Linton, MS, AHIP.

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter/Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Oct.17-19, 2002, Ocean City, MD**

- E-Journals - Toward Expanded Access and Efficient Data Tracking. Poster. Laura Abate, MLS; Leah Pellegrino, MSLS; Michael Acadia, MLS.
- Real Time Testing of First Year Medical Students. Poster. Patricia Wilson, MIS; Alexandra Gomes, MSLS, MT; Anne Linton, MS.
New Library Computers!

As part of the Library's ongoing efforts to improve our computer technology and support the curriculum, the Library has nearly completed two initiatives.

New computers were installed in the Women's Board Teaching Center on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library. The prior computers were redeployed else-where in the computer lab and first floor of the Himmelfarb Library, resulting in improvements to 42 computers available for public use.

In addition, the renovation of B103 (the Library's main teaching space) is nearly complete. Formerly a small ten-computer teaching room/conference room, the room has been expanded into an adjacent storage room, resulting in space for twenty-four computers, as well as a conference area. This room will be jointly scheduled by Himmelfarb Library and the School of Public Health and Health Services (MISP) (beginning in spring 2004) for classes requiring computer use.

During the renovation, many MISP and library classes that would have taken place in B103 were moved to the Women's Board Teaching Center (WBTC). We recognize that the frequent closing of the WBTC was inconvenient for many of our patrons, and we appreciate your patience during the construction period. We look forward to moving these classes back to B103 in January.

For additional information on either of the initiatives, please contact Alexandra Gomes at 202-994-1825.
Board Review Resources

With the start of the new year comes the renewed focus on preparing for the Board exams. The Himmelfarb Library has a variety of resources to help you prepare.

The Library offers an extensive collection of print review books for all three steps of the Board exams. Many of the review books are part of our Reserve collection and circulate for 3-hour periods. The selection of print review materials is varied, ranging from broad overviews of topics (Step 1, Step 2, Step 3) to books on specific topics (Biochemistry, Pathology, Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology and more).

The Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center (3rd floor, Himmelfarb Library) offers the Gold Standard audiotape series, which is available on AV Reserve for 2-hour loan and in the regular AV collection for 2-week checkout. Emory University's Internal Medicine Board Review Series is also available for 2-week checkout and includes both audio and videotape material.

Additionally, you may use the computers in the 3rd floor Microcomputer Labs to download practice tests from the USMLE's website [http://www.usmle.org/](http://www.usmle.org/) (Note: you may not download files directly to Microlab Computers. Instead, you can either download files to zip disks or burn them onto CDs. Ask AV Study Center Desk staff which computers have zip drives/CD burners.) The AV Desk sells blank CDs for $1.00.

All of our Board Review materials are included in the Library's catalog, as well as on our Board Review Resources web pages: [resources/students/boards/](http://resources/students/boards/). You may also ask a staff member at the Reference or AV Desk for assistance.
Classroom Services has recently purchased 2 SMART Boards for use within Ross Hall and Himmelfarb Library Classrooms and Conference Rooms. SMART Board technology provides the instructor an interactive screen that connects to a PC or laptop and displays the desktop image. The presenter can then control applications using their fingertip as a mouse, freeing them from standing at the podium. It also provides the option to annotate over power point slides; images or text. This feature allows the presenter to add to a presentation and save this new information to a disk.

The SMART Board does require preliminary instruction. If you are to use your own laptop, the necessary software needs to be downloaded. To schedule a demo or to reserve the SMART Board please contact Classroom and Teleconferencing Services at 202-994-2856 or e-mail classrooms@gwumc.edu.
Himmelfarb Library offers Ovid MEDLINE and PubMed with integrated full-text links and print availability notes!

Ovid MEDLINE and PubMed both offer the ability to link to full-text articles from their databases and to determine which journals are available at Himmelfarb Library in print. In both cases, Himmelfarb Library has customized the database to reflect the full-text electronic journals and print journals in our collection. While neither Ovid MEDLINE or PubMed link to all of the full-text electronic journals that Himmelfarb carries, both offer increased access to full-text at the article level. Also, both services are indicative of the integrated electronic resources that we are working to provide.

**Ovid MEDLINE**

Ovid MEDLINE has been customized at Himmelfarb Library to reflect:

- **Print journals.** You can determine if Himmelfarb Library owns a journal title at a glance, or obtain more details through a catalog search.
  - "Himmelfarb Library holds title" in a citation indicates that Himmelfarb owns complete set of these titles.
  - "Himmelfarb Library has partial holdings" in a citation indicates that Himmelfarb has a partial set of these titles, and that we do own current issues.
  - "Library Holdings" links to Himmelfarb Library's Catalog and the Aladin WRLC/Gelman Library catalog to permit users to do a complete search for this title.

- **Electronic journals.** You can link to the electronic full-text of more than 250 titles via Ovid MEDLINE.
  - "Ovid Full-Text" will link you to the full-text of an article that is available within the Ovid system. Full-text articles are available in HTML format, and increasingly PDF. You may customize how graphics should be displayed (none, thumbnail, or full size).
  - "Full-Text" will link you to the full-text of an article on the publisher's website. A new window will open and the time remaining in your Ovid session will be displayed at the top; you may reset your Ovid timer to remain in your Ovid session or simply move into the article's window. This type of link is currently displayed when you search from on-campus locations only due to restrictions on access determined by individual publishers.

**PubMed**

When you access PubMed via the Himmelfarb Library website's Database/MEDLINE page, you are connected to a version of PubMed that has been customized for Himmelfarb Library (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?holding=dcgwulib). This customized
version of PubMed reflects:

- Print journals. The 'GWU-Himmelfarb Library In Print' icon indicates articles that are in journals available at Himmelfarb Library. This icon signifies in itself that the print journal is available at Himmelfarb Library, and also links to additional information, including the Himmelfarb Library catalog, about the years/volumes available.

- Electronic journals. The ‘GWU-Himmelfarb Library Online’ icon indicates articles that are in journals available at Himmelfarb Library, and links directly to the full-text of the specific citation/abstract being viewed. The full-text of the article opens in a new window, and your PubMed search remains active so you may continue viewing and revising your search(es).

Because of limits to integrating full-text linking in Ovid MEDLINE and PubMed instituted by the publishers of medical journals, it is not currently possible to link to all of the full-text electronic journals provided by Himmelfarb Library. To facilitate your research process, we recommend opening an extra browser window to the Library’s E-Journals page, so that you can quickly move between your Ovid MEDLINE or PubMed search and the list of e-journals to determine availability.
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In addition to personal film processing, we offer other services that might be of interest to you. For example, we provide instant passport, INS, and application photos, we can design and print business cards, and we offer same day E6 color slide film processing. We also sell various types of film including single use cameras with flash for only $6.99. We also document research in digital formats and can prepare your research data for publication. We design, layout, and print poster presentations. We also offer document printing and binding and produce high-resolution color copies.

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.
Life In The Age of Electronic Resources/Journals: Focus on Reality

The growth and increased availability of more and more electronic resources, allowing for access outside library walls, are among the many advantages resulting from recent technological changes. Thus far at GWUMC, we have been quite fortunate in our ability to utilize many of the advantages offered by these electronic resources. However, there are a number of issues and realities in the area of electronic resources about which we all need to be knowledgeable, to assure that in the future we can maximize their availability.

The field of electronic resources has been a very dynamic one in recent years, and the changes seem to be ongoing. For the publishers, this has meant that their perceptions about the use of electronic journals and the profitability of this continues to change. While electronic journals were once considered, in many cases, as “add-ons” to print subscriptions, they are increasingly becoming an area of focus in their own right. Library users increasingly want to access journal titles electronically not merely as an “add-on” to a current yearly print subscription, but they want also to be able to access multiple years of past issues. Many publishers and associations are finding it expedient to create fairly sophisticated databases of their electronic journals, allowing for sometimes intricate search methods to access articles. With the increased conceptual separation between print titles and electronic titles, their pricing and the possible different uses for each type of title by patrons, libraries have increasingly chosen to drop the print versions in favor of electronic titles. But this is a more complex decision than may meet the eye.

What is driving much of this? The simple and not very surprising answer is cost. And what is definitely not simple, nor probably surprising, is the resulting response to this situation that libraries are being forced to make. The costs of almost all electronic resources are growing. The electronic format is more frequently separated from its print counterpart. For a library, this means that the library is forced to pay almost double to be able to provide access to the resource in both formats. In addition, in the ongoing scramble to maximize profits, publishers are resorting to strategies that make the cost factor an even bigger issue for libraries. One strategy, called “bundling”, is utilized by many large publishers and associations. This requires access to an electronic journal title to be purchased as part of a “bundle” of many titles, some wanted by the library, others outside the scope of the library. Titles are either not available individually, or are so exorbitantly priced when removed from the “bundle” that their access becomes prohibitively expensive. Some publishers, require purchase of their highly priced database to be able to access a specific journal title. In order to obtain access to the electronic version of the title, the library must pay a higher price for a database they do not want, and which may duplicate, often less effectively, the abilities of other databases like /// just increasing prices and creating more hoops to jump through to obtain access. Publishers such as Elsevier own so many of the medical publishing houses now, that it is sometimes difficult to identify a title outside their aegis. It is important to note that these changes do not apply to institutional (or library) subscriptions.
Libraries are thus being forced to make very difficult decisions, because funding levels are not growing as fast as new pricing mechanisms are escalating and libraries have to make changes to meet these increases. Himmelfarb Library is not any different in this respect. In order to make more effective decisions about successfully operating in this fast-changing environment of electronic resources, Himmelfarb has established a new working group whose purpose is to assess this situation and how best to meet the challenge. In the upcoming months, we will focus on educating ourselves about what other similar academic libraries are doing, solicit opinions from those who will be affected by any future changes, and developing strategies to cope with the new set of realities. Please stay tuned and lend us your knowledge to assist us in making decisions that will best benefit all.
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JAMA and Archives Journals

Himmelfarb Library recently received notice from the JAMA and Archives journals that the American Medical Association is changing their policy regarding electronic access to these titles. In the past, Himmelfarb Library has received institution-wide electronic access to these titles as a part of our institutional subscription. The American Medical Association has changed their pricing for these journals so that institutions are now required to purchase a separate subscription for electronic access. We have received quotes upwards of $7,500 for electronic access to the JAMA and Archives journals via the publisher's website. This $7,500+ fee is on top of the $3,500+ that we already pay for print subscriptions to these titles.

Publisher access to JAMA and Archives journals has been removed from the Himmelfarb Library homepage. Himmelfarb Library regrets this decision and the negative impact that it may have on our researchers' access to information. Himmelfarb Library does subscribe to many of the JAMA and Archives journals via the Ovid system. Therefore, full-text online access for these titles will continue, although it may be affected by a lag time in loading the most recent issues and articles. For the remaining titles (Archives of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, and Archives of Surgery), we are investigating the cost of providing full-text electronic access via the Ovid system.

At Himmelfarb Library, we are committed to providing our faculty, staff, and students with access to the information that they need. In addition, we understand that electronic access to journal titles can significantly improve access to information. However, situations like this one with the JAMA and Archives journals highlight the difficulty of changing license policies and the practice of libraries being forced to pay for journal content multiple times in multiple formats. As members of the American Medical Association or as readers of its journals, we encourage you to voice your opinion regarding limiting access to these titles. Please direct your comments to:

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Older Journals Moving Off-Site

The Himmelfarb Library journal stacks are bursting at the seams! The second floor stacks have finally reached their capacity and there is very little room to accommodate new bound volumes of journals. After discussion and input from GWUMC faculty, staff, and students, the library has decided to move all bound volumes of journals published prior to 1980 to an off-site facility at the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC). Currently, all bound volumes published prior to 1970 are already located at the WRLC storage facility. All articles in journals stored in the WRLC storage facility are available at no cost to GWUMC patrons within 72 hours of placing a request.

The journal relocation process will begin in Spring 2004 and continue for the next several months. During this time, the second floor will remain open and available for study and use of the collection. The online catalog will also be continuously updated in order to accurately reflect the location of our journals. To request an item from the WRLC off-site storage facility, complete the online request form (/services/docdelivery/request.cfm) linked from the library’s home page. If you are unsure of the location of a particular volume during this relocation process, please contact the Himmelfarb Reference Desk (202-994-2850).
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New Acquisition and Collections

BLOT, MICHEL., ed. PROKARYOTIC GENOMICS.
QH434 .P764 2003

BROWN, STUART M. ESSENTIALS OF MEDICAL GENOMICS.
RB155 .B674 2003

BROWNSTEIN, MICHAEL J AND ARKADY B. KHODURSKY., ed. FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS: METHODS AND PROTOCOLS.
QP624.5 .D726 F86 2003

CAMBELL, A. MALCOLM. DISCOVERING GENOMICS, PROTEOMICS, AND BIOINFORMATICS.
QH447 .C35 2003

COOPER, DAVID N., ed. NATURE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE HUMAN GENOME.
QH427 .N38 2003

FISCH, GENE S., ed.. GENETICS AND GENOMICS OF NEUROBEHAVIORAL DISORDERS.
RC455.4 .G493 2003

PALZKILL, TIMOTHY. PROTEOMICS.
QP551 .P295 2003

PRIMOSE, S. B. PRINCIPLES OF GENOME ANALYSIS AND GENOMICS (3RD ED).
QH445.2 .P75 2003

REDEI, GEORGE P. ENCYLOPEDIC DICTIONARY OF GENETICS, GENOMICS, AND PROTEOMICS (2ND ED).
QH427 .R43 2003

SACCONE, CECILIA. HANDBOOK OF COMPARATIVE GENOMICS: PRINCIPLES AND METHODOLOGY.
QH447 .S23 2003

SIMPSON, RICHARD J. PROTEINS AND PROTEOMICS: A LABORATORY MANUAL.
QP551 .P697776 2003

JENNIFER E. VAN EYK AND MICHAEL J. DUNN, ed. PROTEOMIC AND GENOMIC ANALYSIS OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.
RC669 .P76 2003
Database Digest

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism produces the Alcohol and Alcohol Problems Science Database, commonly referred to as ETOH. Despite the title’s focus on alcohol, ETOH’s scope is quite broad. Medicine, epidemiology, psychology, transportation, public policy, and sociology are just a few of the subject areas relevant to the study of alcohol and all are represented among the records in the database.

ETOH currently contains more than 110,000 entries, ranging in content from simple bibliographic citations to extensive abstracts. ETOH does not provide full-text documents. The database includes some historical records, but the coverage is most comprehensive from the 1980s to the present. The database is updated monthly.

Why use ETOH instead of MEDLINE? Admittedly, the databases overlap. ETOH covers several titles not abstracted in MEDLINE, however. ETOH also provides information on non-journal publications, such as books, book chapters, newsletters, dissertations, conference papers, and other gray literature.

The search interface for ETOH accommodates beginning searchers and experts alike. The basic and expanded search screens can contain just a single word or a complex strategy involving multiple Boolean expressions and nesting. A separate search screen with examples is a helpful feature for a first time user.

Subject searching in ETOH relies on terminology found in NIAAA’s Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Thesaurus. Users can access and search the Thesaurus via a link from the ETOH homepage. Users can omit the extra step of searching the Thesaurus, however, by choosing the search screen with indexed search terms. Applets containing appropriate terminology are linked to the descriptor fields on this screen.

The ETOH homepage links to a Quick Search Guide that can provide further help to those interested in using this unique resource.

Smoking and Health Database
http://www.cdc.gov/search.do?action=search&queryText=tobacco

The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, a component of the CDC, produces the Smoking and Health Database. Smoking and Health focuses on tobacco use and the health consequences of tobacco use. It thus incorporates subject areas such as medicine, epidemiology, psychology, public policy, and anthropology. Smoking and Health contains more than 62,000 bibliographic entries. The date range for the records is primarily from the early 1960s to the present, with some historical records. The database is updated at least annually. Smoking and Health abstracts a variety of publication types. So, like ETOH, Smoking and Health complements MEDLINE rather than simply du[?].
The search interface for Smoking and Health has pull down menus to help users shape queries. Author, title, and other free text fields can be set to contain a phrase, a couple of words in order, all of the words, or any of the words. Publication years, document types, and languages can be set to match or not match a single criterion. It is also possible to form queries by using symbols within fields. Operations include AND, OR, truncation, and wildcards. The basic and advanced search screens are similar; the number of less commonly used fields. Links to a "1-2-3 Guide to Searching" and "Information on How to Search" are available to further aid interested users.
MEDLINE via PubMed or Ovid: What are the Differences?

Himmelfarb Library’s Databases page provides links to access Medline through two different systems, Ovid (through a subscription) and PubMed (freely available). Each system features special tools to facilitate your search for medical literature. This article compares the basic search functions of each system.

For detailed instructions in using Ovid, see Himmelfarb’s tutorial at http://www.gwumc.edu/library/ovidmed/ovidtut.htm.


Enter search terms

*Ovid*

When you enter a search term in Ovid’s Medline, Ovid automatically looks for the Medical Subject Heading for that term. The Medical Subject Heading helps ensure that the citation you retrieve actually contains the topic you are interested in. The subject headings help you search accurately.

Ovid then provides you with a list of possible subject headings from which to choose. If you aren’t sure which subject heading fits your idea, the scope icon links you to a definition of the term.

*PubMed*

PubMed will handle your search terms a little differently. In addition to looking for your terms in the Medical Subject Headings, PubMed will look for them in titles, author names, abstracts, etc. Thus, it may retrieve many more records, and require more selectivity.
The Details screen shows how your search terms were parsed.

Combine terms

**Ovid**

As you search each term, Ovid displays on the main search screen the number of citations each term retrieves. You can combine your search terms by typing the number of the searches and your combining term. Here, we type “1 AND 2.”

**PubMed**

The History screen in PubMed will display your retrieval numbers. Like Ovid, you can combine your search terms by typing the number of your searches and a combining term. Here, we type “#1 AND #2.”
Ovid displays the number of citations your combined search retrieved. If your search returns too many citations, you can limit your search from the main search screen. Medline’s most commonly used limits appear immediately below the search box. When you select limits, Ovid applies them to the most recent search in your search history.

PubMed

You can similarly narrow your retrievals in PubMed from the Limits screen. Pull-down menus let you select specific publication types, languages, etc. to focus your results. As long as the Limits box is checked, the limits you selected will apply to your current, and any subsequent searches.

View results

To view the results of your search after you’ve applied the limits, you’ll click the “Display” button next to the search. Your results appear on a screen like the one below.
The search results retrieved by Ovid and PubMed in the examples above are quite similar. The chief differences between the two systems lie in their interfaces and the methods with which they guide users in creating a search strategy. Both are effective; users may select a system that best matches their search style.
Faculty Publications

The George Washington University Medical Center
Compiled by the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library
from MEDLINE and other sources through December 2003


Prenatal care reduces the impact of illicit drug use on perinatal outcomes.” J Perinatol.


Library Hours & Assistance

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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 GWorld ID after 2:00 pm.

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