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Last summer Himmelfarb Library moved the Health Information @ Himmelfarb one-search tool to a new platform shared by the Washington Research Library Consortium. The new Health Information @ Himmelfarb allows searching of all GW library collections, print collections at other WRLC libraries (e.g. Georgetown, American, Catholic, etc.), and electronic resources shared by the consortium. The new searchbox defaults to searching the Himmelfarb collections and a wide variety of articles in health sciences, nursing and public health. To broaden your search, click on the down arrow and select "Articles + GW & Consortium Catalog" as in the example below.

The search results will reflect the broad academic nature of the pooled collections and will be less health sciences focused than the results when searching the default “Articles + Himmelfarb Catalog” scope. Because you are likely to get a very large return on most searches, use Refine Results option on the left side of search results to fine tune the result set.
Refine Results can be used to limit the Content Type to books, for example, or specify the date range included. If you would prefer to look at results from a particular WRLC member library (e.g. Gelman Library) use the Institution facet. Collection facet allows you to select the content source (ex. Science Direct, MEDLINE, Web of Science).

Conversely, the Expand My Results option at the top of Refine Results will broaden the search results to all items discoverable, regardless of availability of the items at GW or the consortium members.

Within the results list, a green “Available Online” link should lead to online full-text results. If on campus or on VPN, you can click directly through to full text for most Available Online items. Off campus and not on VPN, you will be prompted to sign in with your NetID to get to full text.

When you see “Check Availability” for an item in the results list, click the title to open the full record and see the options for obtaining the item.
The above conference proceeding is available at several WRLC libraries, including at GW. Click the green “Click to check status” statement to see if the item is on the shelf and available to borrow.

The item is available in the stacks at Gelman Library. Himmelfarb Library users can either borrow this item direct from Gelman or request it via Consortium Loan Service. If it wasn’t available at Gelman, it could be borrowed from Georgetown or George Mason via Consortium Loan Service.

To see and complete the Consortium Loan Service form, click the Sign In option. Use your NetID to sign in to Health Information @ Himmelfarb.
Once signed in, you should see the active link for Consortium Loan Service Request. Click it to open and complete the form. You will be notified when your item is available for pickup at the Himmelfarb Library Circulation Desk. Courier service typically takes 2-3 days for delivery.

If you have any questions about the status of a CLS request, contact the Himmelfarb Circulation Desk at mlbcir@gwu.edu or 202-994-2962.

Items not available through Consortium Loan Service can be requested via Documents2Go. [Check here](https://himmelfarb.gwu.edu) for more information about requesting items through this service.

For further assistance with using Health Information @ Himmelfarb or other Himmelfarb Library search services, contact the Information Desk at 202-994-2850, or himmelfarb@gwu.edu or Chat Us!