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Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library... **Online Journal of Current Clinical Trials**

The Himmelfarb Library now has access to a new kind of journal called the *Online Journal of Current Clinical Trials* or *OJCCT*. This is a peer-reviewed electronic journal published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in conjunction with the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). Its editor, Edward J. Huth, M.D., served as chief editor of the *Annals of Internal Medicine* for 19 years. Because *OJCCT* is published in electronic format, several months will be cut from the time between peer review and publication. New studies on clinical trials of medical treatments will be published within 24 hours of acceptance.

The Library will print articles as they become available online and collect them in a folder on the "Today's Journals" shelf next to the Circulation Desk. Check this folder weekly for new research reports, reviews, meta-analyses, and editorials on trials of therapies, procedures and other interventions relevant to care in all fields.

Did You Know...

There is a tremendous wealth of toxicologic information that is not in **MEDLINE**. The National Library of Medicine organizes this information into a computerized system of files called **TOXNET** (TOXicology Data NETwork). TOXNET consists of about ten separate files that contain bibliographic citations as well as factual data.

Examples of these files are **HSDB** (Hazardous Substances Data Bank), **DART** (Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology), **IRIS** (Integrated Risk Information System), and **CCRIS** (Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System). You may request a search to be run in a TOXNET file through Himmelfarb Library's online search service. To request a search, come to the Reference Desk or call (202) 994-2850. For more information, please call Sally Winthrop at (202) 994-8478.

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Journal Prices - A Continuing Problem

As many of you are aware, journal prices have increased steadily for the last several years. Medical journals have increased in price 500 percent between 1977 and 1992. We have been hard hit in recent years with prices increasing an average of 9 percent annually. In 1991, prices jumped 17 percent because of the dramatic decrease in the value of the dollar against foreign currencies. While nearly all of our titles are in English, approximately half are published by foreign publishers.

The Library has weathered these fiscal storms through a combination of increases to its collections budget plus prudent cancellation of under-utilized titles. However, this year, we have been told by our journal vendor to expect an average 19 percent increase. Reductions in the Library's budget this year have necessitated the cancellation of 109 titles. These titles were selected based on the needs of the research, patient care, and educational programs of the Medical Center. Key to our decisions was the Library's automated management information system which provides data on journal utilization. All titles were submitted to departments for review before cancellation. As always, we will use our membership in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine to obtain any articles that you may need from the cancelled titles.

Titles selected for cancellation in 1993

Acta anatomica	Comparative biochemistry and physiology. A.-C.
Acta virologica	Comptes rendus des seances de la Societe de Biologie
Acta histochemica	Computers in life science education
Advances in second messenger and phosphoprotein	Contemporary topics in molecular immunology
Advances in the biosciences	Contemporary topics in immunobiology
Advances in neurochemistry	Critical reviews in biochemistry and molecular biology
Advances in applied microbiology	Current topics in membranes
Advances in clinical chemistry	Current topics in bioenergetics
AIDS bibliography	Current studies in hematology and blood transfusion
American libraries	Developmental psychobiology
Annual review of psychology	Developmental dynamics
Antibiotics and chemotherapy	Dysphagia
Antonie van Leeuwenhoek	Enzyme
Archives of virology	Essays in biochemistry
Archives internationales de physiologie et de biochemie	European surgical research
Basic research in cardiology	Experimental gerontology
Biochemical society symposium	Experimental physiology
Biochemical genetics	Frontiers of hormone research
Biological reviews of the Cambridge Philosophical Society	General and comparative endocrinology
Biomembranes	Hemoglobin
Biorheology	Immunological investigations
Bioscience reports	Instructional courses
Bulletin of experimental biology and medicine	International journal of systematic bacteriology
Canadian Association of Radiologists journal	International review of experimental pathology
Chemical immunology	International news on fats, oils and related material
Clinical investigator	International journal for parasitology
College and research libraries	International journal of peptide and protein research

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Continued:

Intervirology	Neuropsychobiology
Jaocs, journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society	Parasite immunology
Japanese journal of physiology	Practical methods in electron microscopy
Journal of neurocytology	Proceedings of the Royal Society of London
Journal of reconstructive microsurgery	Progress in medical genetics
Journal of morphology	Progress in lipid research
Journal of vascular research	Progress in medicinal chemistry
Journal of tissue culture methods	Progress in nucleic acid research and molecular biology
Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of London	Progress in hemostasis and thrombosis
Journal of structural biology	Progress in cancer research and therapy
Journal of medical primatology	Progress in biophysics and molecular biology
Journal of audiovisual media in medicine	Progress in experimental tumor research
Journal of medical and veterinary mycology	Psychological issues
Journal of antibiotics	Psychological abstracts
Journal of bioenergetics and biomembranes	Quarterly reviews of biophysics
Journal of AOAC International	Report. Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry
Journal of experimental biology	Respiration physiology
Journal of inorganic biochemistry	Reviews of physiology, biochemistry and pharmacology
Journal of health administration education	Second messengers and phosphoproteins
MacWorld	Specialist
Mental retardation and developmental disabilities	Springer seminars in immunopathology
Mental retardation	Survey of anesthesiology
Microbios	Thymus
Microvascular research	Tissue and cell
Monographs in virology	Transactions of the American Surgical Association
Mycologia	
National Library of Medicine audiovisuals catalog	
Network for continuing medical education [video]	

But not all the news is bad. We continue to look for ways to keep the collection current and to meet emerging needs of Medical Center programs. The above cancellations of under-utilized titles allowed Library staff to look at journal requests for the past year. We were able to select nine key titles for addition to the collection in 1993.

Titles to be added in 1993

American journal of health promotion
American journal of respiratory cell and molecular biology
Experimental lung research
Human gene therapy
Journal of substance abuse treatment
Journal of women's health
Molecular biology of the cell
Neuron
Prehospital and disaster medicine

MeSH Sets Now Available

The 1993 **Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)** volumes may be ordered from the National Technical Information Service by calling (703) 487-4650. All major credit cards are accepted. Mail orders can be sent to NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

These volumes are essential for effective searching of **minIMEDLINE** and **MEDLINE** on any search service. If you search **MEDLINE** from your home or office, **MeSH** is a must!

ORDER NUMBER	TITLE	PRICE
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Add \$3.00 for shipping/handling per order. Call Sally Winthrop at (202) 994-8478 for further information.

December Classes at Himmelfarb

December 2	Quattro Pro (Advanced)	10-noon	\$25
December 4	Introducing Genetic Databanks	noon-1 p.m.	free
December 8	Hard Disk: Batch Files	noon-1 p.m.	free
December 10	Intro to Micros and DOS	2 p.m.-4 p.m.	\$25
December 16	Intro to Windows	10-noon	\$25
December 17	Grateful MED	1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.	free

All classes are held in Himmelfarb Library Room B103. There is no charge to students. Call (202) 994-2850 to register. Registration is not needed for the noon - 1 p.m. sessions. Please feel free to bring a lunch and enjoy!

Computer Docs: Introducing Your Office Computer!

The Himmelfarb Library is delighted to offer its third presentation of **Computer Docs**. This workshop introduces computer applications in medicine to attending physicians who are computer-inexperienced. The session covers computer-assisted instruction and diagnostic decision-making, database searching, telecommunications, and slide production software. Time is allotted for each person to try all of the applications.

The program is scheduled for December 3 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Himmelfarb Library Room B103. There is a \$25 fee. Please call (202) 994-2850 to add your name to our registration.

Retracted Publications

To assist you in weeding your reprint files of invalid information and in checking bibliographies of papers prior to publication, the Himmelfarb Library will begin posting retraction citations. A listing of retractions from the past year will be posted in a folder on the new journal display rack and will be updated monthly. Retractions from previous years will be found in the Vertical Files. Affected articles in the journal collection are also tagged with retraction notices.

New Class in Paradox

The Himmelfarb Library will present a new class in Paradox, a relational database management program. The class is scheduled for December 15th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in Himmelfarb Library Room B103. There is a \$25 charge. Please call (202) 994-2850 to register.

Spring Reserves

The Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library will soon be accepting requests for all items to be placed in the Reserve Collection for the Spring 1993 semester. In late November, faculty will be receiving Reserve information packets. For more information, call Mary Ann Urka at (202) 994-8906.

Can't Find the Information You Need ...?

Try the Vertical Files. Often forgotten, the Vertical Files are located next to the Reference Collection and contain materials on a diverse range of subjects.

The **FOURTH YEAR ELECTIVES** files are arranged by state and contain listings of available elective courses.

Pamphlets and brochures on **RESIDENCY PROGRAMS** are available by state listing as well as clinical specialty.

The **BIBLIOGRAPHY FILES** include the following:

- **Current Bibliographies in Medicine**, also produced by NLM, provides exhaustive bibliographies on varied topics. For a listing of titles see the **CURRENT BIBLIOGRAPHIES** handout.
- **Oncology Overviews** are produced by the National Cancer Institute. These specialized bibliographies include abstracts and deal with topics of high current interest in the field of oncology.
- **Scope Notes** are produced by the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature. This series presents bibliographies and current overviews on specific topics in biomedical ethics.
- **SUBJECT FILES** contain various types of materials on a wide variety of topics. It can be a great source for that hard-to-get information, so don't forget it!

Faculty Publications

The George Washington University Medical Center

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