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Director's Desk

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! You may contact me at 202-994-1826 or mlbam1@gwumc.edu. The Library's e-mail address is himmelfarb@gwu.edu. The telephone number for the reference desk is 202-994-2850.

The Library starts off the new academic year in a strong position. The Library recently expanded its core of electronic journals to 700 and updated its resources in long-term care, complementary medicine, ophthalmology, and computer simulations for internal medicine and primary care. Be sure to check our catalog ([/](#)) for complete holdings! Patrons ordering documents through interlibrary loan and the Himmelfarb Photocopy Service now submit all requests online and may also request electronic delivery of articles to the desktop computer. The GWPrints, print accounting system, will debut at Himmelfarb, and other campus libraries, on September 3rd. Students and faculty with laptops can use them to access the Library's electronic resources and the Internet through the wireless LAN installed on the third floor. Full details on these last two projects appear later in this newsletter. Finally, the Library, working with a consortium of local academic libraries, has negotiated a new contract with Ovid, providing access to 27 online clinical textbooks, 74 additional electronic journals, and the "Openlinks" feature. With "Openlinks," patrons searching Ovid MEDLINE will be able to link directly from citations to the full-text of many major journals.

Best wishes for a successful year!

*Anne Linton, Director,
Library Services*



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Reference and Outreach Services is pleased to welcome Marianne Lee to the Himmelfarb Library staff. She will serve as a Reference Specialist. Marianne has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Monmouth College. Marianne was part of JET Program, Japanese Ministry of Education. She was a language instructor teaching classes, conducting seminars, and assisting in speech contests. She also conducted international activities for area schools and local communities in Japan.

The Circulation Department welcomes Yaser Mustaq to the Himmelfarb Library staff. He is the new Circulation Manager. Yaser already has experience working in a library environment; his previous position was Circulation Desk Supervisor at the Gelman Library. Yaser was an instructor in Anatomy and a resident surgeon in orthopedic surgery in Pakistan. Please join us in welcoming our two newest additions the Himmelfarb Library family.



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Himmelfarb Library 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 such as the official *Himmelfarb Sip and Study Mug* or 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. Mugs are available for purchase at the Circulation desk for a reasonable fee. You may also stop by the Circulation desk for a free sticker with the Himmelfarb logo to affix to your thermal mug or approved water bottle. 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,
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Biomedical Communications Spotlight

FILM PROCESSING AND SO MUCH MORE!

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First of all, there are two convenient locations to drop off personal film for processing. The film drop boxes are located in front of our main office door, Ross Hall 324, and in the Himmelfarb Library.

Have your 35mm, APS, or black and white film processed in just a few days. Follow the simple instructions posted on the drop box, drop your film in the slot, and wait for us to call you when your processing is ready for pick-up. If you drop off your film by 11am, it will be back within 2 days. It's inexpensive, convenient, and fast!

In addition to personal film processing, we offer other services that might be of interest to you. For example we provide instant passport and INS photos, shoot formal portraits in our studio, offer same day E6 color slide film processing, and we sell single use cameras with flash for only \$6.99. We also document research in both film and digital formats, prepare research data for publication, create and print poster presentations, offer document printing and binding, and we 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 www.gwumc.edu/biomed.

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The Bloedorn AV Study Center, Microcomputer Lab, the Women's Board Teaching Center, and Classroom Display Services

The Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center (BAVSC) is located on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library for the use of Medical Center residents, staff, faculty, and students. 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 Library's group study rooms may be reserved through the BAVSC.

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.

Classroom Display Services is coordinated by the BAVSC on the third floor of the Himmelfarb Library. A full-time technician and a part-time evening technician provide audiovisual projection equipment and services throughout Ross Hall classrooms and conference rooms, weekdays between 7:30am and 8:00pm. Arrangements for weekend equipment must be made in advance. At least 48 hours notice is required to ensure equipment availability. A variety of equipment is available for loan and must be picked up and returned by the borrower at the Audiovisual Study Center Circulation Desk, third floor, Himmelfarb Library. A valid GWorld ID card is required for all equipment loan transactions. Audio and video duplication services are provided for a fee. There is no charge for equipment loan services. Services are restricted to Medical Center affiliates. For further information, call 202-994-2856.



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The Reference Desk is Your Link to Information

The Reference 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 informational resources, such as electronic journals, textbooks or 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 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. The librarians will also assist users in finding requested resources not available at Himmelfarb in other libraries throughout the metropolitan area by assisting them to access and search various local on-line catalogs. Whatever your information needs are, 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 services at himmelfarb@gwu.edu which will be answered on the next business day.



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Himmelfarb Library's Circulation Services and Policies

The Circulation Department at Himmelfarb Library is responsible for the circulation of monograph, journal and reserve materials. 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 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.

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 function 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.

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 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. The public is admitted weekdays until 2 pm.



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Update on GWPrints System

Implementation of GWPrints at Himmelfarb is entering the final stages. To ease the transition to the campus-wide system, the library set up GWPrints in two phases. On August 6th, eleven stations on the library's main floor, and six stations in the AV study center were routed to the GWPrints system. Print jobs sent from those stations could only be retrieved with a valid GWorld card. Other stations remained unchanged.

On August 15th, the remaining computers on the library's main floor and the AV Study Center were connected to the GWPrints system. Now all users wishing to print documents must use the print release stations, and have a valid GWorld card.

Please note, at the present time there is no charge for print jobs and no funds will be deducted from your card. Charging for print jobs will begin on September 3rd, in accordance with University policy.

For more information about GWPrints at Himmelfarb, a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) page has been posted at </services/printing.cfm>. The University also has a Policies and FAQs page at <http://printing.gwu.edu/>.

If you have any questions about GWPrints at Himmelfarb, please contact Leah Pellegrino, Electronic Resources Librarian mlblcp@gwumc.edu, 202- 994-3685.



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Himmelfarb Wireless LAN Now Available!

The Library's wireless LAN is now available on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library. Laptop users can now 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. A GWMail username and password is required to login to the GWireless page. This page provides direct links to the GW portal, the GW University's web page, Gelman, 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 Leah Pellegrino, Electronic Resources Librarian mlblcp@gwumc.edu, 202-994-3685).



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Introducing Online Request Forms

As of July 15th, 2002, the Himmelfarb Library ILL and Document Delivery Department will no longer be accepting paper, fax or email requests for materials. All requests must be made through the online ordering module accessible by following the link to "Other Request Forms" on the library web page. (www.gwumc.edu/library/services/docdelivery/request.cfm)

See below for step-by-step instructions on how to use our online forms.

If you have any further questions or concerns about this change in service please contact us by email at: mlbdoc@gwumc.edu

Instructions for Entering Online ILL Requests

Step 1

Online Requests

[Interlibrary Loan \(ILL\)](#)
[Himmelfarb Photocopy Service \(HPB\)](#)
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[Fact Sheet](#)
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Note: some services are fee-based. Be sure to read the Fact Sheets before making a request.

To place a request, begin here.
Required items are marked *.

first name *	<input type="text" value="Jane"/>
last name *	<input type="text" value="Doe"/>
email address *	<input type="text" value="jdoe@gwumc.edu"/>
affiliation *	<input type="text" value="Faculty (GWUMC)"/>
	<input type="button" value="next"/>

1. Type your first and last name.
2. Type your email address.
3. Select your affiliation from the drop down list.
4. Click on next.

Step 2

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Select type of request.

type of request * 

first name	Jane
last name	Doe
email address	jdoe@gwumc.edu
affiliation	Faculty (GWUMC)

1. Select the type of request from the drop down list. Your options are:

- ILL - Book,
- ILL – Chapter from a Book
- ILL – Journal Article
- Offsite Storage – Book
- Offsite Storage – Journal Article
- Photocopy – Chapter from a Book Photocopy - Journal Article

2. Click on next.

Step 3

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Select options and enter request information.

delivery method *	<input type="text" value="Fax"/>
<small>Note: There is an additional \$4 charge for fax. Payment must be preauthorized.</small>	
purpose of request *	<input type="text" value="Research"/>
service options *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular (Turnaround time is generally 1-2 business days. Larger orders may take more time.) <input type="checkbox"/> STAT (Turnaround time is 24 hours for up to 5 STAT orders per requester.) Check any that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deliver articles available at Gelman / Burns Library. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order articles not available at Himmelfarb via Interlibrary Loan. (If item is not at Himmelfarb we will process via ILL. ILL fees will apply. Main campus affiliates will be referred to Gelman.)
billing options *	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Check: Pay at Pickup <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Check: Bill Me <input type="checkbox"/> MFA <small>Please Note: Medical Faculty Associates require approval for each transaction where MFA is selected as your billing method. The Himmelfarb Library will not process your request until it has received authorization from your Department Head. To expedite the processing of your request, please print off your confirmation email, obtain approval from your Department Head, and fax the approved request back to us at 202-223-3691.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> University Hospital (UHS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge to Department <small>If Charge to my Department is selected, data must be entered in either the Banner Field or the Project / Task / Award fields but not both.</small> Banner number <input type="text" value="000000"/> OR Project number <input type="text"/> Task number <input type="text"/> Award number <input type="text"/>
Enter request information:	
author / editor	<input type="text" value="Satoh K; Sakamoto T; Ogata A; Nagai F; H"/>
article title *	<input type="text" value="inhibition of aracetam activity by green"/>
journal title *	<input type="text" value="Food and chemical toxicology"/>
date (month, day, year)	<input type="text" value="July 2002"/>
volume / issue	<input type="text" value="40 (?)"/>
pages	<input type="text" value="925-33"/>
comment / special instructions	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="next"/>	

first name	Jane
last name	Doe
email address	jdoe@gwumc.edu
affiliation	Faculty (GWUMC)
type of request	Photocopy - Journal Article

- Select your preferred Delivery Method. Your options are:
Pick up
Email
Mail
Fax
- The purpose of your request will default to Research. The other options available are Patient Care and Education.
- Under Service Option, please indicate how quickly you need the material and then indicate whether you would like us to borrow an item from outside our collection if we do not own the title.
- Under Billing Options, select how you would like to be billed for the transaction.
- Please note: Authorization for billing to the MFA is required for all transactions. Please be sure to print off your confirmation email, obtain authorization from your Department Head the authorization and fax us the authorized request.
- Enter your request information in the appropriate boxes.
Verify that the name and contact information shown at the bottom of the page is correct.
- Click on next.

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Enter contact information.

Contact information:

alternate email	<input type="text"/>
<small>(Use this to have the confirmation notice sent to an additional email address.)</small>	
campus address *	<input type="text" value="Rosa Hall RM 430"/>
department *	<input type="text" value="Immunology"/>
street	<input type="text" value="2300 Eye Street NW"/>
city	<input type="text" value="Washington"/>
state	<input type="text" value="DC"/>
zip	<input type="text" value="20037"/>
phone *	<input type="text" value="202/994-7777"/>
fax	<input type="text" value="202/994-8888"/>
pager	<input type="text" value="202/994-9999"/>
<input type="button" value="submit request"/>	

Step 4

1. Enter your mailing address, phone and fax information.
2. Click on submit. You will get the confirmation screen shown below.

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Thank you, Jane Doe. A confirmation email has been sent to jdoe@gwumc.edu, with the details of your request. You should receive it shortly.

If you have any questions, please call us at 202-994-2860.

first name	Jane
last name	Doe
email address	jdoe@gwumc.edu
affiliation	Faculty (GWUMC)
type of request	Photocopy - Journal Article
delivery method	Pick Up
purpose of request	Research
service options	Regular (Turnaround time is generally 1-2 business days. Larger orders may take more time.) Deliver articles available at Gelman / Burns Library. Order articles not available at Himmelfarb via Interlibrary Loan. (If item is not at Himmelfarb we will process via ILL. ILL fees will apply. Main campus affiliates will be referred to Gelman.)

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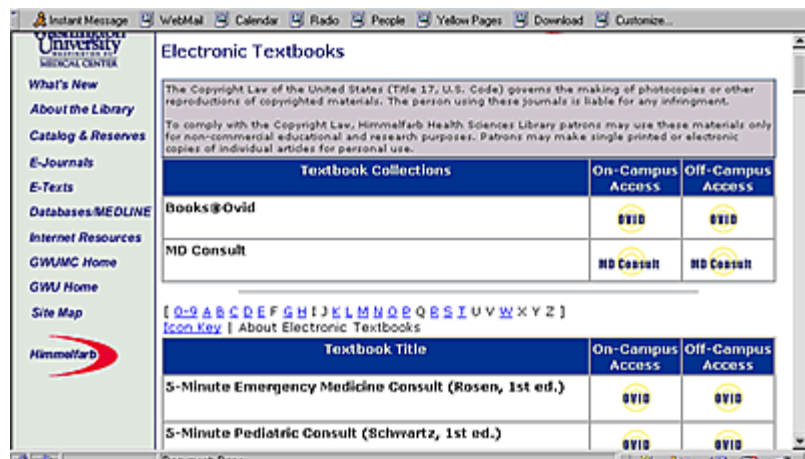
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Himmelfarb Library would like to announce the newest addition to their Electronic Texts collection – Books@Ovid. This enhancement gives you access to 26 textbooks – all online, all the time. Here is a sampling of some of the titles you will find: A to Z Drug Facts; Manual of Laboratory & Diagnostic Tests; 5-Minute Emergency Consult; Washington Manual of Surgery; Current Medical Diagnosis & Treatment; Griffith's 5-Minute Clinical Consult; and Nursing Care Plans & Documentation.

The E-texts page has been reorganized with two textbooks collections: MD Consult and Books@Ovid listed at the top of the screen, and a cumulative list of all the individual electronic textbook titles listed alphabetically below. To access the E-Texts page go to: www.gwumc.edu/library/eresources/etextbook.cfm or click on E-Texts from the Himmelfarb Library homepage.

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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). 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 one-hour classes to teach GWU Medical Center students, faculty, and staff to use information resources. These classes are free and don't require registration. For Hospital and MFA staff, contact the Reference Desk in advance of the class you are interested in taking. Check the Library homepage for Tutorials & Instruction, or go straight to the [Continuing Education Course Schedule](#).

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, 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 in Ovid. You can also look at other databases with an eye toward narrowing your searching to recent years, to human research, and to English-language publications.

In the past, database searching referred almost exclusively to indexes of journal articles

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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. MDConsult and Books@Ovid are linked on the E-Texts page and both provide access to a number of full-text reference books.

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 and journal articles versus summary information 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 MDConsult and Books@Ovid both offer searchable collections containing multiple reference books. Next, focus on the content coverage of the databases available to select the one that best meets your search needs. Finally, 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: Relevant Selection

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

AMED: Allied and Alternative Medicine (OVID) – periodical literature index covering fields allied to medicine and alternatives to conventional medicine including acupuncture, homeopathy, palliative care, Chinese medicine, hospice care, physiotherapy, chiropractics, hypnosis, podiatry, herbalism, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, holistic treatments, and osteopathy. Coverage: 1985 - Present. Produced by the Health Care Information Service of the British Library.

Books@Ovid – Access to full-text collection of clinical reference books.

CANCERLIT (Ovid) – periodical literature index on 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: 1983 - Present. Produced by the 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.

Clinical Evidence - "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.

DXPlain - a clinical diagnostic decision-support system that contains probabilities of clinical manifestation associated with different diseases. Produced by the Massachusetts General Hospital.

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).

EBM Reviews: ACP Journal Club (Ovid) – research reviews providing analysis of original studies. 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. Coverage: current. Produced by the National Health Services' Center for Reviews and Dissemination.

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.

eMedicine - full-text online emergency medicine textbook. Textbook is peer-reviewed and constantly updated, providing "medical definitions, anatomical illustrations, audio, and video."

HazMap - Occupational toxicology database of chemicals, jobs, and diseases designed to link jobs to hazardous job tasks which are linked to occupational diseases and their symptoms. Coverage: current. Produced by the National Library of Medicine.

Harrison's Online - online version of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine with additional features including recent clinical trial data, links to related web sites, and self-assessment questions. Produced by McGraw-Hill.

HealthSTAR (Ovid) – index of published literature on health services, technology, administration, and research including the evaluation of patient outcomes; effectiveness of procedures, programs, products, services and processes; administration and planning of health facilities, services and manpower; health insurance; health policy; health services research; health economics and financial management; laws and regulation; personnel administration; quality assurance; licensure; and accreditation. Coverage: 1975 - Present. Produced by the National Library of Medicine and the American Hospital Association

MDConsult - clinical medical information that includes full-text journal articles and clinics, reference books, clinical practice guidelines, drug information, and customizable patient education handouts.

MEDLINE (Ovid) – index encompasses information from Index Medicus, Index to Dental

Literature, and International Nursing Index, 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. Citations/abstracts of periodical literature plus selected full-text. Coverage: 1966 - Present. Produced by the National Library of Medicine.

MEDLINEplus – provides 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, and clinical trials. Coverage: current. Produced by the National Library of Medicine.

Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy - medical reference resource for clinicians that provides descriptions of diseases and disorders for clinicians. Produced by Merck.

NARIC Disability Databases - disability and rehabilitation information including indexes to published literature (1956 - Present), brochures, newsletters, and conference papers; a directory of projects funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research literature; and, a database of general disability resources including Internet sites, journals, magazines, newsletters, organizations, and reference publications. Coverage: varies by database. Produced by the National Rehabilitation Information Center.

OSH-ROM (Silver Platter) - indexes 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 (SilverPlatter) - international index of periodical literature on 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) – periodical index of 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 - Index to information on disability and rehabilitation including mental, and psychiatric disabilities, independent living, vocational rehabilitation, special education, assistive technology, law, employment, and other issues. Coverage: 1997 – Present. Produced by the National Rehabilitation Information Center.

Science's Next Wave - a career development resource for scientists. Access latest articles through one of the country or special-focus portals, or search the archive. Produced by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Scientific American Medicine Online - medical textbook covering all 15 subspecialties of internal medicine. Produced by Scientific American.

SPORTDiscus (Ovid) - serial and monographic literature in 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. Produced by the National Library of Medicine.



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MEDLINEplus (NLM Consumer Health)
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The MEDLINEplus database is a great source for authoritative and up-to-date health information for consumers and health professionals. MEDLINEplus is produced by the National Library of Medicine and contains information on more than 500 diseases and conditions from the National Institutes of Health and other reliable sources.

To best utilize the MEDLINEplus database, you can search it two ways: 1) by entering your topic of interest in the Search box, found at the top of the home page, and then selecting from the results; or 2) by navigating through one of the five categories below, which you will see on the MEDLINEplus home page, to find your topic of interest.

Health Topics - Information on conditions, diseases and wellness. You can browse through the list of health topics alphabetically or by broad groups, or you can use the MEDLINEplus search function to enter your topic. The Adam Health Illustrated Encyclopedia is available and includes over 4,000 articles about diseases, tests, symptoms, injuries, and surgeries. It also contains an extensive library of medical photographs and illustrations. You will already find plenty of health information in Spanish, and the entire database will be searchable in Spanish by Fall 2002. Fun and informative topical Interactive Tutorials can also be found.

Drug Information - Generic and brand name drugs. Information on thousands of prescription and over-the-counter medications is provided through two drug resources -- MedMaster, a product of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), and the USP DI Advice for the Patient, a product of the United States Pharmacopeia (USP). You can browse by the first letter of generic or brand name drug or enter drug name using the search feature.

Dictionaries - Spellings and definitions of medical terms. Provides access and links to a collection of online medical dictionaries, general and specialized. Some of the dictionaries available are: Cancer.gov Dictionary (National Cancer Institute); Heart & Stroke Encyclopedia (American Heart Association); Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary (Inteli-Health, Inc.); Multilingual Glossary of Technical and Popular Medical Terms in Eight European Languages (European Commission); and Word! A Glossary of Medical Words (Nemours Foundation) - for kids

Directories - This feature will help you find the locations and credentials of general doctors and dentists, specialists, other healthcare providers, hospitals and clinics, and other healthcare facilities and services.

Other Resources - Access to organizations, consumer health libraries, international sites,

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Electronic Journals

Last year, Himmelfarb Library rapidly expanded its access to electronic journals. Himmelfarb Library now offers access to nearly 700 journals in a full-text electronic format. All of these journals are available from the E-Journals page, which is linked from the main menu on the library website. All journals listed on the E-Journals page are available full-text online.

ACCESS POINTS - The new collection of electronic journals provides a variety of access points for individual titles. Titles continue to be available from publisher websites, as well as through database vendors such as Ovid. Additional titles are available through databases such as MDConsult, ProQuest, and LEXIS/NEXIS, and from online services such as Ingenta/Catchword. For each journal, on-campus access is indicated in the first column and off-campus access is indicated in the second column.

Journal of the American Society of Nephrology	Jan 1995 - Present	NO Consult	NO Consult
Journal of the National Cancer Institute	Jan 1997 - Present	ProQuest	ProQuest
Journal of the National Cancer Institute	Jan 1993 - Present	LEXIS NEXIS	LEXIS NEXIS
Journal of the Neurological Sciences	Current 12 months only	Publisher	No Off-Campus Access
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Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine	Jan 2000 - Present	Publisher	No Off-Campus Access
Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health: Part A.	Jan 1998 - Present	Ingenta Catchword	No Off-Campus Access
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Journal of Urban Health	Mar 2001 - Present	Publisher	No Off-Campus Access
Journal of Urban Health	Mar 2001 - Present	Ingenta	No Off-Campus Access

MULTIPLE ACCESS POINTS – Some electronic journals have multiple access points. As you see in the page image above, the Journal of the National Cancer Institute is available from multiple access points, via both ProQuest and LEXIS/NEXIS.. As you gain familiarity with electronic journals, you may find that you prefer one access point over another. For example, Publisher and ProQuest are more likely to provide the article in PDF format so that it looks like the actual journal pages, while Ovid or MDConsult may provide additional years of back issues. In general however, all access points will provide the full-text and images from the journals.

FULL-TEXT COVERAGE – The years of full-text coverage for each journal and for each

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access point are listed. Most electronic journals have electronic access beginning in the mid 1990's and continuing through the present. However, some started earlier and provide issues going back into the 1980's, and some started later and provide only the last few years. In addition, some electronic journals offer only the most recent journals (example, Current 12 months only), while still others make only the older issues available (example, Archival: Feb 1997 -Jan 2002). When deciding which access point to use, review the dates of full-text coverage in order to be certain that the issue that you need will be available.

FINDING AN ARTICLE - Some access points (ex, Publisher, Ovid, Ingenta/Catchword) link to a website that contains a list of available issues for that particular journal. Other access points (MDCConsult, ProQuest, and LEXIS/NEXIS) link to databases, and you must search for the particular article that you want within that database. While this isn't the seamless access we want to provide, we thought that our users would value knowing where to find the full-text of journals even if it required some additional mouse clicks on their part.

Complete instructions for locating electronic journals via the various access points are available at the bottom of each E-Journals webpage under "Icon Key."

TROUBLESHOOTING – If you have any difficulty accessing the titles available from the E-Journals page, don't hesitate to contact us. You can telephone Himmelfarb Library's Reference Desk at 202-994-2850 or send an email to himmelfarb@gwu.edu.



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