

# Reinventing Information Literacy with Wikipedia

(in Medical Education)





# Aloha!

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# Outline

- Wikipedia and Libraries?
- About the pilot project
- Our findings
- Strategic changes we made to improve delivery
- Tour the LMS
- Closing thoughts

“

Wikipedia is the best thing ever. Anyone in the world can write anything they want about any subject. So you know you are getting the best possible information. - Michael Scott



“ Behind those who are putting all this data online purely because they want to is another wave of volunteers who are constantly questioning, demanding verification for and keeping in check this tsunami of information.

-David Barnett

Nobody:

Wikipedia editors waiting for people to die so they can update "is" to "was":



Thanks, I hate Wikipedia Editors

# Libraries & Wikipedia

- It's 2020! We can't be Wikipedia snobs anymore.
- “high quality information...suitable for undergraduate medical education.” (1)
- “Wikipedia suffers less from inaccuracies than omissions...they reflect the limited expertise and interests of contributors.” (2)
- Know any information experts?

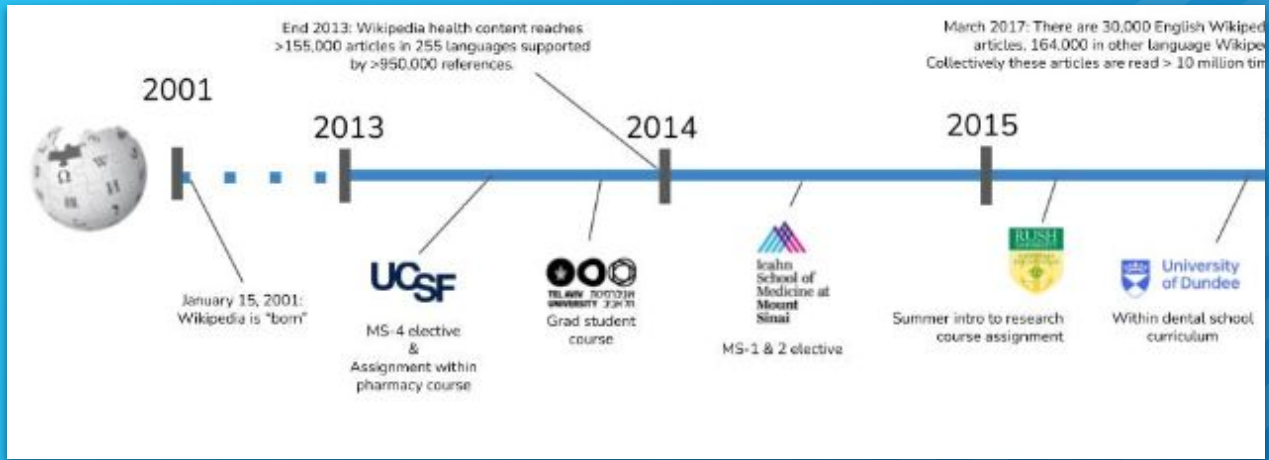


# About the pilot project

# Why Wikipedia?

What do libraries, medical education, and Wikipedia have to do with one another?





# Wikipedia in a medical school?

- Wikipedia is filling gaps with [WikiProjects](#)
- Medical students with patient perspective leads to better doctors
- Working on Wikipedia articles increase the information literacy for the medical students
- Wikipedia promotes social justice and democratizing information

# Timeline



# Student Experience - training

Complete a series of training modules & exercises

- Wikipedia policies
- Evaluating articles and sources
- Editing health topics
- Evaluating an article

# Evaluating articles and sources

In this tutorial, we'll explore how to read Wikipedia articles, and potential sources, with a critical eye.

COMPLETED

View →



Estimated time to complete:  
20 minutes

## TABLE OF CONTENTS (23)

1. Evaluating sources and articles
2. What makes a good article?
3. Evaluating article quality
4. Elements of quality articles
5. Elements of not-so-great articles
6. Sources and citations
7. Finding sources
8. Why cite?
9. When should you cite?
10. What's a good source?
11. What's not a good source?
12. Close paraphrasing
13. Example of close paraphrasing
14. Copyright

# Student Experience - choosing a topic

Research course related topics to fill in content on Wikipedia articles needing improvement

- [Complication \(medicine\)](#)
- [The Queen's Medical Center](#)
- [Trauma team](#)
- [Metabolic acidosis](#)
- [Respiratory examination](#)

# Student experience - finding sources

Find and synthesize information on the topic with reliable sources

- Published
- Scholarly
- For medicine, secondary sources better
  - Textbooks
  - Systematic reviews





# In a nutshell

- Tutorials = valuable lessons in digital and info lit
- Apply new skills by editing
- We have access to information to build knowledge that others don't, let's share it!

# Findings

**GO TO WIKIPEDIA TO  
CHECK A SINGLE FACT**



**REALIZE 3 HOURS LATER YOU KNOW  
EVERYTHING ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION**

# Findings

- Compilation of 2018 & 2019 survey results
- Structural Completeness
  - 2018
  - 2019

# I know how to determine the authority and credibility of sources.



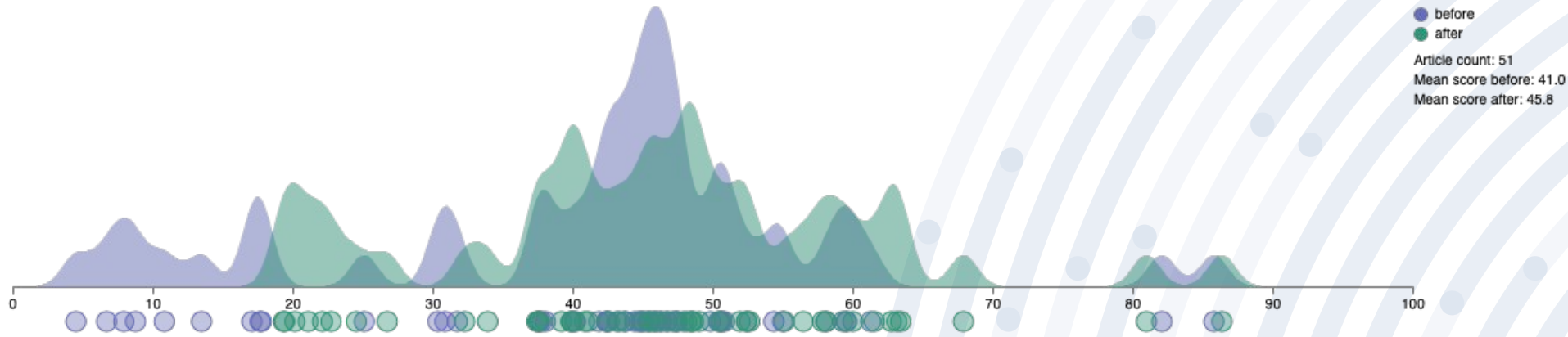
**N = 107 (2018 & 2019)**

# I know how to synthesize information gathered from multiple sources.



**N = 107 (2018 & 2019)**

# Overall change in structural completeness (2018)



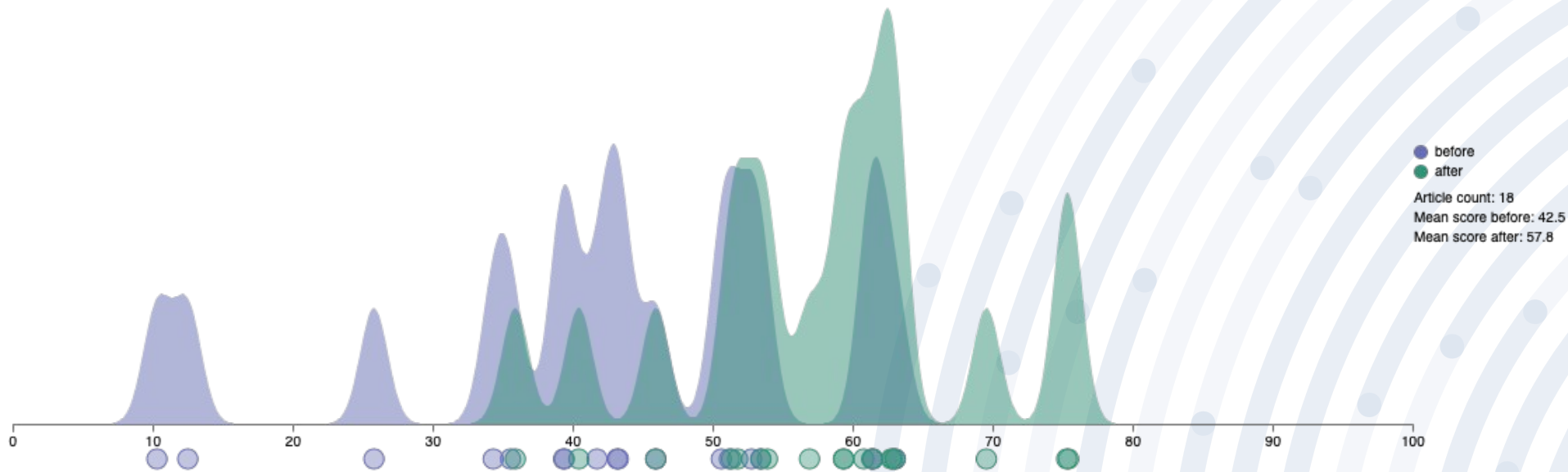
# Improvements to course delivery

Engagement was lower in 2018 cohort.

Reviewed qualitative feedback from them and implemented the following changes:

- Individual to group
- Shorter course time
- More face time
- Incentive = pizza party!

# Overall change in structural completeness (2019)





“

It was fun and interesting to contribute to a source that can be used by anyone in the general public. Medicine and illness can be really challenging to understand, and websites like Wikipedia can give patients quality insights into their illnesses

“

“It was interesting to learn that while anyone can add to it, there is still a lot of community consensus happening behind the scenes to ensure that only true, relevant information is added, and that credible sources are used, and credible people are writing about the topics,”

“

I initially expected to contribute as minimally as possible to receive credit for participating in the project. I didn't think I would make much of a difference particularly because I've seen many Wikipedia pages and they can be extremely extensive. As I saw the change in article completeness and the number of viewers change, it felt pretty cool to add more. At the same time I realized how difficult it is to actually improve an article to 100%. I didn't expect much in the beginning but I wanted and expected more as it went on.



# Dashboard & Best Practices

# Wiki Education LMS

Students/Patrons/Volunteers

Create an account, learn how to edit Wikipedia, research a topic, analyze sources, draft the article, publish live on Wikipedia, respond to Wikipedia community feedback, make final changes.

Dashboard

Tracks usernames and completion of tutorials, list topics for selection, tracks all edits made throughout the editing process, links to troubleshooting help, tracks all page interactions.

Librarian

Check dashboard to make sure everyone is enrolled and picks a topic. Use the dashboard to grade and evaluate all edits and share feedback.

## JABSOM MS1 Wikipedia Editing 2019

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18

Articles Edited

830

Total Edits

77<sup>i</sup>

Student Editors

18.6K

Words Added

254<sup>i</sup>

References Added

450K

Article Views

Last statistics update: a year ago. [See more](#)

## JABSOM MS1 Wikipedia Editing 2019

First-year medical students will work to improve the content of health-related articles to improve their information literacy skills.

### This Week

There is nothing on the schedule for this week.

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## Details

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# Week 1: Introduction

07/28 - 08/03 (Fri)

## Training

In Class

Welcome to your Wikipedia assignment's course timeline. This page guides you through the steps you'll need to complete for your Wikipedia assignment, with links to videos, resources, training modules. For your reference, here are the [class slides from 7/30](#). Here is the [MS1 Wikipedia guide](#) that will also provide an overview of the next 5 weeks.

Watch this video for a reminder of what to do this week:



Week 1 - What to do this week  
Logistics

Watch later Share

- 5 weeks from now to August 30
- Edit health-related articles to improve the content of Wikipedia based on learning issues you've completed in MD1
- You'll work in your PBL groups to complete the edits on live Wikipedia articles
- You'll work individually to complete the training modules
- Each week is approximately 1 hour of your time
- Course dashboard
  - [https://dashboard.wikiedu.org/courses/University\\_of\\_Hawaii/JABSOM\\_MS1\\_Wikipedia\\_Editing\\_2019\\_07280803](https://dashboard.wikiedu.org/courses/University_of_Hawaii/JABSOM_MS1_Wikipedia_Editing_2019_07280803)
  - Enrollment code: uhegojiv

### ▶ Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Drafting

Week 3: Improving

Week 4: Peer Review

Week 5: Pau

Articles Edited

Assigned Articles

Available Articles

## Available Articles

How to find articles

Add available articles

Find Articles

Class

Title

S

Adolescent medicine

Remove

C

Alternative medicine

Remove

B

Anxiety

Remove

B

Atorvastatin

Remove

S

Cardiac examination

Remove

C

Catheter

Remove



## Students Overview

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Assignments &amp; Exercises



Add/Remove Students

Assign random peer reviews [?](#)

Name	Assigned Articles	Reviewing	Words Added (article   user   draft) <a href="#">?</a>	References Added <a href="#">?</a>	Total Uploads <a href="#">?</a>
 <a href="#">sandboxes edits</a> 8/9 training modules completed	<a href="#">Complication (medicine)</a>		2786   46   0	31	0
 <a href="#">sandboxes edits</a> 9/9 training modules completed	<a href="#">Metabolic acidosis</a>		1194   46   0	18	0
 9/9 training modules completed	<a href="#">Complication (medicine)</a>		1193   46   0	14	0
 9/9 training modules completed	<a href="#">SOAP note</a>		432   46   0	25	0

# Complication (medicine)

Quality Problems?



See also: [Adverse event](#)

A **complication** in **medicine**, or medical complication, is an unfavourable **result of a disease, health condition, or treatment**. Complications may adversely affect the **prognosis, or outcome**, of a disease. Complications generally involve a worsening in severity of disease or the development of new signs, symptoms, or pathological changes which may become widespread throughout the body and affect other organ systems. Thus, complications may lead to the development of new diseases resulting from a previously existing disease. Complications may also arise as a result of various treatments.

The development of complications depends on a number of factors, including the degree of vulnerability, susceptibility, **age**, health status, and **immune system** condition. Knowledge of the most common and severe complications of a disease, procedure, or treatment allow for prevention and preparation for treatment if they should occur.

Complications are not to be confused with **sequelae**, which are residual effects that occur after the acute **(initial, most severe)**<sup>[1]</sup> phase of an illness or injury. Sequelae can appear early in the development of disease or weeks to months later and are a result of the initial injury or illness. For example, a scar resulting from a burn or dysphagia resulting from a stroke would be considered sequelae.<sup>[2]</sup> In addition, complications should not be confused with **comorbidities**, which are diseases that occur concurrently but have no causative association.

## Contents

- 1 Common illnesses and complications
  - 1.1 Iatrogenic complications
  - 1.2 Cardiovascular complications
    - 1.2.1 Atrial fibrillation

Edits by:



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[\(history\)](#) | [\(article development\)](#)

# Our Best Practices

- Had a team to help
  - WikiEdu
  - KJ & AJ
  - OME
- Shortened course time
- Added more in-person sessions
- Students edited in groups
- Incentives increased healthy competition

# Tips

- Look for an existing WikiProject
  - WikiProject Hawaii
  - WikiProject Libraries
- Look for articles interesting to your audience
- Group work is ok!
- Faculty buy-in

# Closing thoughts...

## Limitations

- Like anything, our pilot project isn't perfect.
- Forming learning objectives is hard
- Educational assessment is even harder!

## But it worked!

- We saw positive changes in students evident in the changes they were able to make to articles.
- Also let us engage with students in a more meaningful way

## GLAM

- We can be at home here. [GLAM](#) = Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (also botanical gardens and zoos).
- You don't have to teach with it but we can help improve it.

# Mahalo!

Any questions?

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# Resources

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5. [WikiProjects](#)
6. [WikiProject Medicine](#)
7. Tutorial example - [Evaluating articles and sources](#)
8. Wikipedia - [Reliable sources](#)
9. Wikipedia - [GLAM](#)
10. [Using Wikipedia to increase the visibility of digital collections: an editathon](#)

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