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Your Internet Gateway to MSU Libraries’ Health Sciences Resources & Services

Do the MSU Libraries own a particular book or journal? Select **Catalog**

Need to search for journal articles? Select **Electronic Resources**
Databases & Indexes: MEDLINE (PubMed, ISI, Firstsearch), MDConsult, Web of Science (ISI Citation Databases), Cochrane Library, Global Health and a variety of other related databases.

*Please note: Most Electronic Resources are limited to MSU faculty, residents, staff & students. Off campus access is authenticated by MSUNet Username & Password.**

**Journals:** over **5000** biomedical journals in electronic format

**Electronic Textbooks:** STAT!Ref, MDConsult, AccessMedicine, AccessSurgery, and other packages plus Advanced Keyword searching in the MSU Catalog provide electronic access to over **4000** clinical and biomedical textbooks

**Your Librarian:**
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Call Distance Learning Services at 1-800-500-1554 or (517) 355-2345
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Selected Medical Resources
MSU Health Sciences Digital Libraries webpage: http://www2.lib.msu.edu/health/

After selecting Medicine from the front page, choose from a variety of resources through the resulting links to Medical E-Books, Databases, Library Resources for Medicine, Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) Guide, etc.

MEDLINE
This is the premier bibliographic database containing citations and author abstracts from over 4300 biomedical journals published in the U.S. and in 70 other countries. It is produced by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and is the database of first choice for up to date clinical and biomedical research journal articles. Access is available through a variety of interfaces, including PubMed, ISI Medline, MDConsult and others. These interfaces are also available under the Medicine Resources page Resources webpage

MDConsult
A unique and comprehensive electronic collection, MDConsult offers one-stop shopping for much medical information. First, it provides the full-text of 40 well-known medical textbooks covering most of the specialty areas. It also has the full-text of over 50 medical journals, including many of the Clinics of North America, all of them accessible individually or through a journal search engine which sits on top of MEDLINE. Also provided are patient education handouts, clinical practice guidelines, medical news updates for the health professional and the layperson.

Electronic Medical Books Packages including Special Features
The following online resources offer a variety of medical books in collections where all of the titles contained in each can be searched at once. Most of these collections are comprised of 50 or more titles. This is a useful feature when you are not sure which specific title will include the information of interest. These include:

AccessMedicine
AccessSurgery
Lippincott's Clinical Choice
MD Consult
STAT!Ref

The titles included in the above collections plus many others can also be found alphabetically arranged by specialty or subject on the Health Sciences Digital Libraries Medical E-Books page under Medicine.

Cochrane Library
This is THE evidence based medicine resource. A compilation of five databases designed to provide evidence to help health care providers decide on the best treatment for a condition or disease by identifying all controlled trials of interventions for a particular condition and reviewing the results to see which work best. Entries in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews back to 2000, issue 2, are cited in MEDLINE and the fulltext is only available from the Cochrane Library.
EBM Guide
A guide to Evidence Based resources available from the MSU Libraries including the all-in-one TRIP database that simultaneously searches a variety of filtered or unfiltered evidence based resources.

Access to Electronic Journals
Electronic versions of many journals are available from the MSU Libraries subscriptions. These can be accessed in a number of ways: 1.) by title entered into the Find box on the A – Z Journals webpage; 2.) by a link from a database such as PubMed Medline (look for the green box ) or 3.) by title via the Catalog using

HOW TO OBTAIN MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT ON THE WEB DIRECTLY FROM THE MSU LIBRARIES:

Go to http://www2.lib.msu.edu/health/requests.jsp and follow the directions for “Outside East Lansing.” Materials will be sent directly to you.

First time users will need to set up an account at the First Time ILLiad User page.

For Status: select Distance Program (>50 miles)

For Delivery Location: select the option closest to you, either a facility or distance(>50 miles)

The article will come electronically, and you will receive notice via email.

REMEMBER: If you have privileges at a local hospital library, it may be more expedient to use its services.

Essential Evidence Plus (formely InfoRetriever with InfoPOEMs)
The only database system of filtered, synopsized, evidence-based information, this integrated search engine allows you to simultaneously search, via keyword, multiple databases: EBM Guidelines, Daily POEMs, Cochrane Abstracts, Selected Practice Guidelines, Decision Support Calculators, Diagnostic Test Calculators, Derm Expert, E/M Coding, ICD-9 Lookup Tool

Available via workstation or downloadable to PDA, IPhone, Android,etc. Email John, coffey@msu.edu, if you are challenged for an additional username & password for the PDA version.
Patient Education

A variety of resources are available to help you educate your patients about conditions, treatments and procedures. These include:

- **MedlinePlus**, (www.medlineplus.gov)
- the Patient Education section of **MDConsult** (search for **MDConsult** link from E-Resources page)
- a similar section in the **TRIP** database (http://www.tripdatabase.com/)
- **http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/consumerhealth**
  listed as “Consumer Health” under **Resources** menu on the Digital Library homepage

**CAVEATS:**

- **ALWAYS** go through the MSU Libraries webpages to link to an electronic resource.

- From home or off-campus you will be asked for your **MSUNet ID & password**, at least once.

- If there is no Electronic Format link from a database such as PubMed/MEDLINE, always check the **A – Z Journals List** before assuming that it is not available from the MSU Libraries.

- If the platform offers the opportunity to formally **Exit or Logoff**, please do so to free up the resource for someone else.

**Additional helpful links:**

Most library databases, including PubMed/MEDLINE, require knowledge of Boolean Operators (an archaic description for Searching Connectors) for effective searching. Click **here** access a Boolean Cheat Sheet (PDF).

PubMed BASICS **handout**

PubMed **tutorials** from the National Library of Medicine

Related **tutorials** from the MSU Libraries Health Sciences group

How to get needed books and journal articles from **OFF CAMPUS**