Library Offers Clinical Memberships, Methodist First to Join

The Methodist Hospital System has expanded library services for its employees and physicians through a new agreement with the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library.

Methodist becomes the library's first "clinical partner," – a new level of library membership. As a "clinical partner," staff, physicians and residents throughout The Methodist Hospital Research Institute and the hospital system's four hospitals can access the library's resources, which include more than 8,000 electronic journals, over 150 databases, reference materials, the print book collections, online support, instructional learning and other educational opportunities.

"This new affiliation is going to support our clinical, educational and research missions and is a key factor in providing better access to the materials needed by a comprehensive academic institution like ours," said Dirk Sostman, M.D. chief academic officer of The Methodist Hospital System.

Also under this new agreement employees and physicians can easily access the library's materials from any computer in Methodist's four hospitals as well as remotely, using the library's remote access account service.

"This new affiliation is the first in our expanding outreach project to provide critical information resources to the Texas Medical Center's clinical institutions, as we have traditionally done for the educational institutions," said Elizabeth Eaton, Ph.D., the library's executive director. "The digital information arena is a very exciting place to be and we are pleased to be able to include Methodist in our growing community of users."

Contact Leah Krevit, Associate Director, Collections Management (leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu, 713.799.7126) for more information about becoming a TMC Clinical Partner of the HAM-TMC Library.

New Resources at the Library

DynaMed

DynaMed is a clinical reference tool designed for use primarily at the 'point-of-care', providing clinically-organized summaries for nearly 2,000 topics. *DynaMed* is updated daily and monitors the content of over 500 medical journals and systematic evidence review databases. Each

publication is reviewed cover-to-cover, and each article is evaluated for clinical relevance and scientific validity. The new evidence is then integrated with existing content, and overall conclusions are changed as appropriate, representing a synthesis of the best available evidence. *DynaMed* can also be integrated with the EMR. *DynaMed* is an EBSCO product.

DynaMed is available to the Library's educational level users and to all hospitals physically located within the Texas Medical Center. It can also be accessed via remote access accounts for educational and institutional level members.

More New Resources

Clin-eguide
Clin-eguide is a clinical decision support system that distills disease management, drug therapy and laboratory results knowledge into a single resource. *Clin-eguide* includes evidence-based guidelines, books, Facts & Comparison drug information, national guidelines, and patient handouts.

Clin-eguide also provides patient- and disease-specific recommendations, taking into account patient status and concomitant conditions prompts the clinician to consider issues that may influence the patient outcome is extensively and systematically researched and constantly updated *Clin-eguide* is an OVID product, available to the Library's educational level users.

RefWorks
RefWorks is a web-based bibliographic management tool that enables users to organize and create a personal database online, format bibliographies and manuscripts, and import references from a variety of databases using the already created Import Filters. *RefWorks* has incorporated a RSS feed reader so users can establish links to RSS feeds and import data from those feeds directly.

RefWorks automatically creates author, descriptor and periodical indexes when importing. *RefWorks* is a web-based tool; authorized users may access the program from anywhere at any time. It can also be used across multiple platforms, including Windows, Mac, Unix etc.

RefWorks is available to the Library's educational level users.

CINAHL Plus with Full Text
CINAHL Plus with Full Text is a comprehensive source of full text for nursing and allied health journals, providing full text for more than 560 journals indexed in *CINAHL*. Of those, nearly 400 have cover-to-cover indexing in *CINAHL*. This database contains full text for many of the most used journals in the *CINAHL* index – with no embargo – and provides more than 600,000 full-text articles dating back to 1937.

CINAHL Plus with Full Text is an EBSCO product, available to the Library's educational level users.

To access these resources go to the Library web site (http://resource.library.tmc.edu) and click on databases.

Folk Medicine Program at HAM-TMC Library

The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, hosted a brown-bag lecture on Mexican and Asian folk medicine on Wednesday, September 26, from 11:30 to 1:00 in the street level conference room of the Library. Liliana Rodriguez, MPH and John Paul Liang, MS, MSOM, TX Lac were the speakers.

Liliana Rodriguez is currently a doctoral candidate in Community Health at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health. In 2002, she received a Hispanic Excellence Award from KTMD-TV Channel 48 Telemundo and was appointed to the advisory board of the Houston Garden Center. She is a member of the Institute of Spanish Culture and the Speakers Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. A combination of health care focus and Mexican folk medicine encourages her interest in the prickly pear cactus as a source of food, especially for diabetics.

John Paul Liang is currently the President of the American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine. He is completing a Ph.D. in Education with a Specialization in Leadership in Higher Education from Capella University, holds a Master of Science in Education, Master of Science in Oriental Medicine, and a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research from Cornell University. He has served as a lecturer at Rice University and as a researcher in collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine. A faculty member at the American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine he is currently a practitioner at the Methodist Hospital Medical Center outreach site.

These presentations are part of the *Books on the Bayou* program, sponsored by the Houston Public Library, the Houston Chronicle and the City of Houston. Houstonians are encouraged to read one particular book and participate in discussions throughout the city. This year, the book highlighted is *Bless Me Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya about a curandera or healer in northern New Mexico during World War II. *Bless Me Ultima* is considered a foundation work of Mexican-American Literature.

This program was sponsored by the Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center, the Hispanic Health Coalition, Majors Scientific Books and the Hilton Hotel @ the Texas Medical Center. Copies of *Bless Me Ultima,* along with other books on folk medicine, were on sale after the presentation. Lunch and refreshments were provided by the Hilton Hotel. and the Hispanic Health Coalition.

New Books Added to NCBI *Bookshelf*

The following titles have been added to Bookshelf:

Dynamics of Cancer. Frank, Steven A.
Princeton (NJ): Princeton University Press; c2007

Available from: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=dyncan.TOC

Immunology and Evolution of Infectious Disease. Frank, Steven A.
Princeton (NJ): Princeton University Press; c2007

Available from: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=infdis.TOC

The books in Bookshelf may be searched directly using any search term or phrase from the *Bookshelf* site, via links from the Links pull-down menu from relevant PubMed® citations, or through the *Entrez* cross-database search page.

More information on searching books in Bookshelf available at:
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/Books.live/Help/bookhelp.html#search

ClinicalTrials.gov New Interface

ClinicalTrials.gov will launch a new user interface in few weeks.

The link to the beta site is now live from the clinicaltrials.gov site or by visiting *http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/home*. This new interface will run simultaneously with the previous version until enough thorough has been performed.

More information is available in the NLM Technical Bulletin at:
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so07/so07_clinical_trials.html

ClinicalTrials.gov is the National Library of Medicine (NLM) web-based registry of clinical research studies. The database provides patients, clinicians, researchers and members of the general public with access to information on interventional and observational studies including clinical trials of drugs and devices. *ClinicalTrials.gov* contains 44,000 clinical research studies conducted in the United States and 150 other countries.

News in Health

The October issue of *News in Health,* a publication that includes practical health news and tips based on the latest NIH research, is now available at: http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/

Featured Stories:
- *The Perils of Peers: How Social Networks Affect Your Health*
- *Giving Germs the Slip: Soap and Shots Can protect Your Health*

Health Capsules:
- *Early Childhood Program Shows Benefit*
- *Seeking Health Information*

Featured Website: *Household Products Database*
http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/

Do you know what is under your kitchen sink, in your garage, in your bathroom and on the shelves of your laundry room? Learn more about these products and their potential health effects in *Household Products Database,* produced by the National Institutes of Health, the National Library of Medicine and the Specialized Information Services.

As the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research, NIH produces content that is not copyrighted. Copies can be downloaded and displayed free of charge.

Library Class Schedule

Attend one or more free classes offered by the Library during November 2007.

Basic HTML
November 1   10:00 A.M. – noon

CINAHL
November 19   4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

EndNote
November 29   2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Navigating Full-Text Journals
November 7   9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

PubMed
November 20   6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

For a complete class schedule, class descriptions, times and registration visit:
http://www.library.tmc.edu/classes/listclasses.cfm