During the past year, the Library has negotiated with providers to license access to several excellent resources that enable physicians to provide enhanced patient care – evidence-based and clinical databases packed with multi-faceted, multimedia-enhanced point-of-care information and user-friendly interfaces.

One of the most significant of these acquisitions is MD Consult, returning to our collection after several years’ absence, during which time its creator, Elsevier, augmented and much improved the product’s resources, accessibility and usability. MD Consult now contains 57 medical books covering 29 specialties; a browseable selection of Elsevier journals; a core collection of The Clinics of North America; a drug reference database from Gold Standard; practice guidelines; approximately 10,000 patient education handouts, about 30 percent available in Spanish; and a searchable selection of over 50,000 images.

EBSCO’s DynaMed is a point-of-care, topic-oriented database, focused on providing authoritatively evidence-based information, featuring daily updates. Full text content is provided from over 160 journals. Evidence reports and information from multiple drug resources, including AHFS, are included. DynaMed provides a full explanation of the elements of evidence-based medicine, including its level of evidence labeling and editorial policies. CME credits from AAFP and AMA are available.

ClinicGuide from Ovid contains 75 full text medical books; drug and drug interaction information from Facts and Comparisons; practice guidelines from the National Guideline Clearinghouse; evidence-based review articles; and additional evidence-based guidelines synthesized and written by physicians.

From McGraw Hill, the Library has recently acquired licenses to AccessMedicine and AccessSurgery. AccessMedicine contains 54 medical texts, including a clinical library and the Lange Educational Library, which provides customizable self-assessment USMLE preparation tests for Step 3 exams. Other AccessMedicine resources include: a large image bank; daily updates; a differential diagnosis tool; 300 common diagnostic tests; drug information from Gold Standard; links to the evidence-based primary literature; and patient handouts.

AccessSurgery is a database of similar format, delivering content that aids compliance with the ACGME’s mandated surgical core curriculum requirements. The most exciting new element here is a large collection of
From the Executive Director

I hope everyone had a very happy and prosperous holiday season. The new year finds many new resources available at the HAM-TMC Library. We recently added three new exciting databases: MD Consult, which gives access to numerous electronic books and journals, including the Clinics of North America; DynaMed, a point-of-care, topic-oriented database; and Clin-eguide, which has 75 full text medical books; drug and drug interaction information from Facts and Comparisons; practice guidelines from the National Guideline Clearinghouse; evidence-based review articles. The article on New Journals in this issue of Library Lines describes many of the new online journals.

The Library is also creating a new search application which will enable users to search from one location a wide array of different information resources licensed or owned by the Library.

Another exciting project in collaboration with The NASA Life Sciences Data Archive Division is exploring a variety of KM solutions, with a specific focus on how the Texas Medical Center might handle knowledge management issues in the future. The project partners are formulating a Knowledge Management Matrix which contains valuable information about the various aspects of these products.

The Library, in partnership with the Fondren Library of Rice University is planning an exciting conference on March 27, 2008 entitled Digital Discovery 2008: Issues in Scholarly Communication.

2007 was a very good year for the HAM-TMC Library, with exciting new projects and partners. 2008 looks to be just as exciting. Please stop by the Library either in person or virtually at www.library.tmc.edu to explore the exciting resources and services available.

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Implementing the New NIH Public Access Policy: It’s The Law

Beginning April 7, 2008, investigators who receive funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are required to submit their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts to PubMed Central (PMC), the open repository provided by the National Library of Medicine. Submission must be no later than 12 months after the article is published in a journal.

Investigators to whom this applies include our two Texas Medical Center Medical Schools, Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC-H), The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC) and others.

The NIH Public Access Policy became law on December 26, 2007, when President Bush signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2007, instructing NIH to make all of its funded research publicly available, at no charge to the user.

The new law also states: “Beginning May 25, 2008, anyone submitting an application, proposal or progress report to the NIH must include the PMC or NIH Manuscript Submission reference number when citing applicable articles that arise from their NIH funded research. This policy includes applications submitted to the NIH for the May 25, 2008 due date and subsequent due dates.”

NIH provides a secure website for depositing manuscripts, as well as an informational website offering details about the Public Access Policy, the submission process, important dates, and other information that will help NIH investigators comply with the new law.

Many journals will automatically deposit your article in PubMed Central for you. A list of these journals is available at http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm.

Useful Links:
NIH Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) System: http://www.nihms.nih.gov/


PubMed Central: http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/

For more information, visit the HAM-TMC Library’s NIH Public Access Policy webpage at http://resource.library.tmc.edu/collections/NIHPolicy.cfm

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surgical procedure videos from Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons. Among those on the Advisory Board for AccessSurgery is Baylor College of Medicine’s F. Charles Brunicardi, MD, Chairman and DeBakey/ Bard Professor at the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery.

This year the Library also upgraded to CINAHL Plus with Full Text. Another development is the migration of our NCME videos to Web-based (online-only) format.

Expanding E-Book Collections

The Library continues to add to its already extensive collection of electronic books. Through The University of Texas System, the Library gains access to new titles each year from NetLibrary, and in the past month staff members have cataloged 462 new titles with another 335 to be added soon. In addition the Library has purchased several collections from MyiLibrary: Oxford University Press titles published between 2005 and 2007, Cambridge University Press titles published between 2005 and 2007, Springer Verlag titles published in 2006 and 2007, and recent titles made available via Elsevier’s Science Direct. Roughly 355 titles have been added through purchase of these packages. Through the Library’s subscription to MD Consult, users now have access to an additional 57 titles. Finally, through McGraw-Hill’s Access Medicine and AccessSurgery the Library has gained electronic access to 23 additional clinical and surgical textbooks.

The Library will shortly be adding a large collection (90 or more) eBook titles from Karger. The focus of most of these Karger series is recent European research, and this package offers access to all Karger monographs published in 2006 through the end of 2008.

As the Library’s electronic offerings expand, staff members are examining older print titles for possible transfer to offline storage at the Historical Research Center or for withdrawal. Key research titles in various disciplines published before 1975 have been selected for remote storage. In the online catalog these transferred titles now show the location “Historical Research Center.” Anyone needing access to these titles may put in a request at the Circulation desk, and the item will be brought over within twenty-four hours (except on holidays and weekends).

New Journals

Open access journals are burgeoning in scope and popularity within the medical and health sciences fields. Last month, the Library announced access to the Open Bentham Collection, a new collection from Bentham Science Publishers, which includes over 200 peer-reviewed open access journals. The Library also added BMC Medical Genomics, that publishes peer-reviewed articles on all aspects of genetic research and its effects on human health.

The Medical Letter is comprised of two independent, peer-reviewed publications: The Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics, providing “unbiased critical evaluations of drugs, with special emphasis on new drugs, to physicians and other members of the health professions”, and Treatment Guidelines from The Medical Letter, offering recommendations for first choice and alternative drugs with assessments of the drugs’ effectiveness, cost and safety.

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February 21 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

EndNote
April 16 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Navigating Full-Text
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PubMed
March 25 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
April 22 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
May 20 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

PubMed Advanced
April 29 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Caring for the Mind: Providing Reference Services for Mental Health Information
April 1 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Geeks Bearing Gifts: Unwrapping new technology Trends
April 25 9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

All classes are free. For a brief description of the classes and to register go to http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/index.cfm

Digital Discovery and Knowledge Management Projects

The Library is currently developing a search application which will enable users to search from one location a wide array of different information resources licensed or owned by the Library. Users will be able to search from a single search box such resources as: PubMed, the Library's catalog and Institutional Repository, and many different subscription databases, such as Elsevier's Scopus, ScienceDirect and MD Consult and the new EBSCO CINAHL Plus with Full Text. Results will be categorized by subject and users will be able to view a snapshot of the information source directly from the search page. The Library plans to have the production version available by summer 2008.

In today's information world, knowledge management is a priority which often gets overlooked. The NASA Life Sciences Data Archive Division and the HAM-TMC Library have made knowledge management a priority by beginning to explore a variety of “KM” solutions, with a specific focus on how the Texas Medical Center might handle knowledge management issues in the future. During the past 18 months, this group has been in contact with many of the major global knowledge management providers, sponsoring product demonstrations and informational meetings. The group is currently formulating a “Knowledge Management Matrix” which contains valuable information about the various aspects of these products.

If you are interested in obtaining more information, please contact Michael Garrett, Technology Coordinator, HAM-TMC Library (michael.garrett@exch.library.tmc.edu, 713.799.7160).