A New Wiki—The Medpedia Project

Medpedia is a new and growing Web site for medical professionals and non-professionals with an interest in medicine. It is like Wikipedia for medicine, but only physicians or those with Ph.Ds who have registered with the site will be able to add, change, or critique information published. The public can register to make suggestions to the site. It is also a reference tool for health professionals and the public who need information on any health subject. It is still in the early stages so not every topic is covered, but they have large ambitions and intend to be the main source globally to go to for medical information. The site is a cooperative venture by Ooga Labs with Harvard Medical School, Stanford School of Medicine, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, University of Michigan Medical School, and other health organizations. Intended uses and benefits:

- Knowledge sharing and communications tool for people with similar medical interests
- Source of insight and new knowledge for medical professionals
- Historical repository for real-world discussions of medical topics of interest
- Prepare to suggest changes to articles
- Up-to-date news of the latest developments in medicine

Be a registered editor, and get in on the ground floor of this new project! http://www.medpedia.com/

Change in Library Hours

The Shimberg Health Sciences Library will be closing on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 7th, 2009.
AuthorMapper from Springer

Springer Publishing introduced a site called “AuthorMapper” an online tool for visualizing scientific research and enabling document discovery based on author locations and geographic maps. Integrating content and mapping technology, AuthorMapper provides an easy-to-use, dynamic interface that allows users to:

* Explore patterns in scientific research
* Identify new and historic literature trends
* Discover wider relationships
* Locate other experts in your field

AuthorMapper searches the Springer Journals collection and offers access to nearly one hundred fifty years of articles from more than 1,900 journals available on SpringerLink. They’ve also recently launched a new feature on the AuthorMapper: widgets. To check out this site, visit: http://www.authormapper.com/

CLUE TIP

Google has set up a world map of the H1N1 Swine Flu virus with markers indicating confirmed/probable cases, suspect cases, negative cases, and fatal cases. To view the map, click on: http://tinyurl.com/cywddc

LAB BLAB

We’re sooo wired and it isn’t because of Starbucks!

Need to have a class/group meeting or collaborate on a project and want to make sure everyone is connected to the network?
All library conference rooms and the first floor study lounge (with the wooden floor) now have physical network connections for users to plug directly into the network. So now you have a choice between wireless or a physical connection to the network. Happy networking!

Computer Lab
If you haven’t seen the new computer lab setup then stop by to take a peek. Computer users now have more room to spread out and the computers have been upgraded. Now students can relax more while working hard on their class work!

Now Showing
Google LIFE photo archive – A joint work of LIFE and Google
Search millions of historical photographs from the LIFE photo archive. Photos from the 1750s to today are available and most have never been published. Do a search for health, medicine, nursing, public health, or physical therapy to check out some interesting pictures. http://images.google.com/hosted/life

To view the collection go to www.google.com and choose Images at the top of the screen and then choose the link under the search box,

Serials:

New Nature title! USF Libraries picked up an online subscription to the recent publication Nature Chemistry. Volume 1, number 1 was published in April of this year and is available for viewing via the library catalog. This journal will be published monthly.

Journal Ranking Sites. Besides the ‘gold standard’ site for ranking journals, Journal Citation Reports published by the ISI, we’re often asked if we are aware of any similar sites. We have come across two sites that may be helpful. One is called Eigenfactor.org located at http://www.eigenfactor.org/index.php Thomson Reuters (Scientific) Inc. provides the data used for calculation. The other site is called MESUR: METrics from Scholarly Usage of Resources. This site is the result of a committee based at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico. The URL is: http://www.mesur.org/MESUR.html

Thank you, thank you very much. E.

BEHIND THE SCENES... WITH TINY ELVIS*
*former library assistant
New at PubMed Tutorial

If you are looking for pointers in literature searching, PubMed’s Tutorial section is for you. It has been redesigned, updated, and reorganized to show users what features PubMed has. It also emphasizes searching controlled vocabulary using MeSH headings. The tutorial has a step-by-step procedure, with audio, and pictures showing examples of the dialog. This update includes the recent changes at My NCBI and how to save searches to it. The review exercises allow the user to practice building searches and to compare the results to the tutorial’s results. The link to the tutorial can be found on the PubMed Web site on the upper left sidebar. http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/pubmed.html

Informa Journal Hosting Site

Links to Google Scholar

Informa, a site that hosts journals, eBooks, abstract databases and reference works published by Taylor & Francis, Routledge, Psychology Press, and Informa Healthcare has begun participating directly with Google Scholar. They are taking active steps to ensure their content is indexed and linked correctly through this search engine. If you are searching Google Scholar from within our defined IP ranges then you should be able to access any of our online holdings directly from the citation on the Google Scholar pages.

This project begins in May 2009.

The Future is Upon Us!

WilsonWeb databases now have a text-to-speech option on their full-text HTML records. They convert the full text and then stream the audio content without any software downloads. Go to our USF Resources to find Wilson databases, and then click on the Full Text HTML link found in many of the Wilson records. Click on the free ReadSpeaker link marked Listen, then just sit back and listen! The audios may also be downloaded and used on MP3 players. This feature is for full-text articles only. In addition, this is a great feature for those who are visually impaired, or would like improve their English as a second language. Now you can listen in your car, at home, while exercising, or during those dull meetings you have to attend (be sure to use ear buds so you look like you’re paying attention).

Dermatology Internet Resources

There are many sites on the Internet with consumer information on dermatology. In an article in Dermatologic Clinics, featured in MDConsult, a group of dermatologists and researchers provide a collection of high-quality, freely accessible, English-language Web sites that they have categorized as clinical, educational, or evidence-based medicine resources. They hope that this list of sources helps to meet the informational needs of dermatologists and promotes skin disease awareness and education. The authors placed the three collections in table form. Table 1 features “Clinical resources for dermatologists that include web sites with image databases and freely accessible peer-reviewed research.” Table 2 has “Web sites with dermatology-related educational materials for patients, medical students, and residents.” Table 3 is “Evidence-based medicine resources for dermatologists that promote literature appraisal and collaboration.”

To view these vetted sources, check out the full-text article “Dermatology Internet Resources” available via MDConsult from the USF Shimberg Health Sciences Library homepage: http://library.hsc.usf.edu/

Making PubMed work for YOU!

TRAINING SEMINAR

Presented by National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM)

Instructor: Toni Yancey, Outreach Coordinator

Qualifies for 3.5 CE credit hours (MLA AHIP)

Wednesday, May 20th, 2009
1:00pm to 4:30pm

College of Nursing Computer Lab, MDN 2008

Learn how to search the PubMed Medical Literature database in a hands-on computer lab course

• Searching tips and techniques
• Understanding and Using MeSH, the Medical Subject Headings
• Linking Out to Full-Text articles
• Using My NCBI to:
  save searches
  run saved searches
  collect citations

RSVP by Friday, May 15th,
Call Danny O’Neal: 974-8884 doneal@healthlib.usf.edu

Walk-ins are welcome but cannot be guaranteed a computer station
**(P)URLS... FOR YOUR PERUSING PLEASURE**

**Buzz on in to these sites...**

**Public Health Preparations for Mass Gatherings**
National Library of Medicine (NLM) Web page of links to information on the public health aspects of planning for all kinds of mass gatherings.

**Dietary Supplements Labels Database**
The National Library of Medicine Dietary Supplements Labels Database now includes several interface improvements, more products, and an auto-complete (search) feature.

**Scitable - Learn Science at Nature**
http://www.nature.com/scitable
Scitable is a free online resource for undergraduate educators and students. It’s built on a foundation of evidence-based, faculty-reviewed scientific overviews of key concepts compiled by the editorial staff of Nature Publishing Group.

**Healthfinder.gov**
http://www.healthfinder.gov/
Key consumer resource site for finding the best government and nonprofit health information on the Internet.

**And, as usual, we’ve found a fun site to help you unwind when you have a little free time...**

**Crazy Fads**
http://www.crazyfads.com/
Ah, summer! Time for some nostalgia and this is the perfect site. Featuring the most popular fads from decades past. Search by decade, starting with the 2000s and going back as early as the 1920s. We prefer not to disclose which decade we remember most... ahem!

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**Anesthesiology is on Reserve for You!**

The Shimberg Library has a collection of anesthesiology books on reserve waiting for you to read! This permanent collection is part of the Nursing Anesthesia Program, but it will have interest for anybody interested in anesthesiology. The books are recent publications concerning anesthesia in pediatrics, obstetrics, clinical anesthesiology, and other subjects. You can find them at the Shimberg Library circulation desk. Among the tempting titles:

- Atlas of Regional Anesthesia
- Anesthesia Secrets
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Anesthesia Unplugged

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**Bookmarks! Beware!**

According to http://www.abebooks.com, be very careful what you use for a bookmark! You wouldn’t believe what’s been found in books. Financial items such as money, credit cards, debit cards and cancelled checks along with natural items including dried leaves, flowers, and four-leaf clovers. Personal items such as family photos have also been used along with items that are just plain weird! These include a chocolate chip cookie, World War II ration book, a pair of scissors, driver’s license, marriage certificate and a strip of bacon! So watch what you slip between those pages...

(Courtesy Emery-Pratt Newsletter.)

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