Curling up with a good .... E-Book!

For the last three years, we have been telling you how to access the online journals. We also have online “E-Books.” Lots of them! But where are they, you ask?

As always, start at our library homepage http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library. Access the “Books and Journals” link/drop down box and select the “Full Text Online Medical Books” link. You will see a list of the E-Book titles available through the MD Consult, Stat!Ref, and Books@OVID databases, and others found on the World Wide Web.

MD Consult – 50 different E-Books in their Core Reference and Cardiology Collections. Also, online journals, practice guidelines, and drug information. (Use your HSC ID/password)

Stat!Ref – 28 textbooks (ID/password are listed in “HSC Restricted Resources”)

Books@OVID – 5 titles (ID/password are listed in “HSC Restricted Resources”)

NetLibrary – Almost 900 E-Books on health and medicine are part of this collection. Easy access! Just create your own personal account and password. For a list of E-Book titles, search in ‘Advanced Search’ format in WebLUIS and do an Author/Subject keyword search:

Author: netlibrary

Subject keywords: medic? or health? = 896 hits (In WebLUIS, use the ‘?’ for truncation)

OR

Subject keywords: enter your discipline of interest, i.e. neurology, pediatrics, radiology, oncology, midwifery, public health, epidemiology, nurs?, etc.

PubMed Central – Access from HSC Library homepage, http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library. Click on “PubMed, Free Medline” button (middle of page) Click on Bookshelf. 12 titles. This site will continue to grow.

In addition, on the World Wide Web:

The Trip Database http://www.tripdatabase.com/index.cfm

This high-quality resource attempts to bring together unhindered access to the ‘evidence-based’ healthcare articles, publications, resources available on the Internet. 29,000 links from 70 sources, including peer-reviewed journals and ‘eTextbooks.’ Updated monthly.

FreeBooks4Doctors.com (www.fb4d.com)

Amedeo.com - over 600 medical books, sorted by specialty (and FREE medical journals, too). Titles available in Spanish, French, German and other languages. Select from the list of over 100 specialty disciplines: Addiction (8), Anatomy (20), Anesthesiology (2), Cardiology (20), Emergency Medicine (19), Pediatrics (20), Sports Medicine (2), Urology (6).

So now you know how to find E-Books, in addition to the thousands of online journals available through WebLUIS, the HSC Restricted Resources and the Virtual Library. Problems? Questions? Call the reference desk at 974-2288.

Oh yeah, if you don’t remember how to find the online journals, just use the “How to Find Electronic Journals” guide at http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library/ejourn.pdf
Now Appearing on a Computer Screen Near You!

A New Database! OR
New Software License, not Poetic License

InfoPOEMs - Patient-Oriented Evidence that Matters©
The Clinical Awareness System™

The Shimberg Health Sciences Library recently added the InfoPOEMs database to the collection. The database has two products available: DailyPOEMs™
A daily e-mail service, with monthly summaries, delivering quick synopses of information clinicians can use in their practice. The “POEMs” process applies specific criteria for validity (from the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, Oxford) and relevance (POEMs) to emerging research. Only results from about 1 in 40 studies qualifies to be a DailyPOEM.

InfoRetriever™
InfoRetriever™ searches eight databases at once: POEMs, the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Five-Minute Clinical Consult (including photos), plus more than 120 clinical decision rules and calculators, almost 300 summaries of evidence-based practice guidelines, and more. Think of this as your faithful Golden Retriever. Woof!

The system is designed with an easy-to-use search system designed by physicians for use during clinical practice. The database is also accessible with your PDA. More information is listed in the database under “Downloads.” Look for this information at the top of the database screen.

To access InfoPOEMS, go to the Shimberg Health Sciences Library website http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library
Click on “HSC Restricted Resources”
Login with your HSC e-mail account
Choose InfoPOEMS, located under “Databases”

Seasons’s Greetings to all and a Happy New Year!

“Thank you, thank you very much.” - E.

Medical Education Listserv
http://www.aamc.org/meded/software/start.htm

The AAMC has an electronic mail discussion group, or listserv, for developers and users of medical education software in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education. This forum is provided to allow a broad-based swift exchange of ideas on courseware, authoring tools, and evaluation criteria and methods, along with other infrastructure and technical issues.

Online Exhibit!


Drawn mainly from the collections of the National Library of Medicine, Dream Anatomy shows off the anatomical imagination in some of its most astonishing incarnations, from 1500 to the present. The Dream Anatomy exhibit is sponsored by the National Library of Medicine’s History of Medicine Division, National Institutes of Health.

Serials:

LINKOUT Everybody! If you haven’t already noticed, you can now begin linking directly to full text articles in journals that the Shimberg Health Sciences Library owns through PubMed. Our Serials Dept. has been busy adding our print and electronic holdings to PubMed so that when you access a citation, you’ll see one or two green and gold buttons with USF HS (that’s us!) printed on them. In order to view this added feature, be sure to link to PubMed from the link on the Library home page http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library. You can also bookmark the actual link we use: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?holding=usfhslib
This link will display the buttons for our holdings. We’ll have much more about this service in the next issue of The CLUE.

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**Tips for Using Images in PowerPoint**

Many faculty are using PowerPoint presentations for their classes. Students are reporting difficulty printing the presentations due to the large file sizes. Here are some tips to make PowerPoint presentations a little less powerful when it comes to being able to print them out.

**Avoid using TIFF images**

TIFF image files can be very large and will take longer to render in presentation. TIFF’s also take longer to spool or RIP (that’s Raster Image Processor, not Rest in Peace) when the presentation is printed.

Formats such as JPEG, GIF, and PNG are supported in PowerPoint and are much smaller in size. Be warned that JPEG and GIF files **may not** have the same quality as the TIFF, but the PNG is equal to TIFF while providing a smaller file size. In some instances, the file size of the PNG can be 1/10th of the TIFF image. Expect similar differences when using JPEG and GIF images as well.

**Scanning**

When scanning an image to use for PowerPoint, keep the backgrounds simple to cut down on file size and clutter in the presentation. It is not necessary to scan at high resolutions, dpi (dots per inch). Most of the extra dots will not provide any noticeable increase in quality, but will increase the size of the file considerably. In most instances, scanning an image beyond 300 dpi is unnecessary.

**FAQ & A - Coming Your Way!**

Keep on the look-out for the new “Frequently Asked Questions” page coming soon to the Library’s website! Find answers to all those pesky questions that seem to come up, well … frequently!

**Mednet/Ovid News**

**PreMEDLINE**

PreMEDLINE now links to journals in the Journals@Ovid collection. Starting with the September 16, 2002 daily PreMEDLINE update, PreMEDLINE citations will link to the full text Journals@Ovid. Users will also be able to limit their search results to full text in the database.

To access PreMEDLINE go to [http://mednet.hsc.usf.edu/ovidweb/ovidweb.cgi](http://mednet.hsc.usf.edu/ovidweb/ovidweb.cgi) and login with your HSC e-mail account and password.

**Browsing**

Journals in the Journals@Ovid collection can now be browsed by their Tables of Contents. This feature allows you to scan a journal title’s contents as you would the print version.

When you are in Journals@Ovid, click the “Browse Journals” icon.

Choose: “Browse Journals by Name” OR
“Browse Journals by Subject”

Find the journal you wish to browse, and Click on “Issue List.”

Then Click on “Table of Contents” to browse the journal.

You can also select articles from the table of contents to add to your search, printout, or e-mail.

**OVID/Mednet Account Problems**

Some users have experienced problems in the past with their HSC e-mail account accessing Ovid. If you can’t get into Ovid/Mednet, please report it by sending an email to library@hsc.usf.edu or call 974-2289 and we’ll send someone to the server to give it a good kick!

**Watch for the tree in the HSC Library!**

**For Your Perusing Pleasure**

Take a breather from holiday eating...

**PSR: Environment & Health**

http://www.psr.org/enviro.htm

Physicians for Social Responsibility environment and health program. A place where the health community can learn and take action.

**Ectopic Brain - The Basics**

http://pbrain.hypermart.net/basics.html

Palm OS Handhelds in Clinical Practice. Includes tips, links, glossaries, buying guide, etc.

**ImmunizationEd.Org**

http://www.immunizationed.org/

AnyPage.asp?Page=Palm

Freeware of childhood immunization schedule for downloading to your Palm OS Handheld. Also in pdf format for immediate access.

**BIRN**

http://birn.ncrr.nih.gov/birn/

birn_getpage.php?fname=about_birn_bg.html

Biomedical Information Research Network (BIRN) testbed for biomedical researchers’ need to access and analyze data at a variety of levels of aggregation located at diverse sites throughout the country.

And now for something completely different:

**Am I Annoying.Com**

http://www.amiannoyingornot.com/

The family togetherness of the season can sometimes bring out the not-so-best in all of us, so you may want to check out this site! It features an index of annoying celebrities that you can rank, including royalty and Academy Awards hosts. You can even take a quiz to find out if you’re annoying. (Not that we would EVER think that about you!)
Baby New Year Luis would like to wish everyone a merry and healthy holiday season and a happy and peaceful New Year!  Comments? Questions? Suggestions?  Email The CLUE at lhowlett@hsc.usf.edu

We Want To Hear You Scream!

Now that we have your attention, this is the perfect time to remind you that a donation to the Shimberg Health Sciences Library in a loved one’s name makes the perfect holiday gift! Oooh! We hear those screams already! But think of the convenience - no long check-out lines, no crowds, no wrong color, size, etc. No returns, either. (heh, heh, heh) So take the easy way out and write those checks! If you would like to donate, please contact the Director’s Office at 974-2290.

Holy Cross Word!

The CLUE, subscribed to throughout America and on three continents, has been noticed once again. Last month we received a call from the librarian at the College of the Holy Cross, requesting permission to use the crossword puzzle from our Spring, 1999, (v.3; i.2) issue. My, how a good word travels fast. The CLUE archives link is on the library homepage, under the ‘Library Publications’ drop-down box, or go to http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library/clue.html

Santa Luis Has A Gift For You!

You may have noticed the paper insert in this issue of The CLUE. Well, this is Santa Luis’s gift to you! A little library origami (or as Luis likes to call it “Luis-gami”) with information about electronic journals. You may remember making similar paper projects in grade school (Cootie Catcher!). Instructions are included but if you find it a puzzler you can check out what it SHOULD look like at the Circulation Desk or the Reference Desk. (We know you can do it!)

If for any reason the “Luis-gami” insert is missing from your issue of the CLUE, you can pick one up at the Circulation Desk. Greetings of the Season to all from Luis and the Library staff!

Health Sciences Library Postcard - Past to Present

We’ve produced a little reminder of the HSC Library’s history in the form of a postcard. We may only be 31 years old but we DO have a history! Pick up your postcard at the Circulation Desk or Reference Desk in the Library.