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## UIC's Library of the Health Sciences Wins \$6.289 million NLM Contract

The National Library of Medicine has awarded a 5-year, \$6.289 million contract to the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and named the UIC Library of the Health Sciences the Regional Medical Library for the Greater Midwest of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/NLM). The UIC Library of the Health Sciences has successfully competed to serve the ten states of the Midwest RML since 1979.

"We are pleased that UIC is continuing to serve as the Regional Medical Library for the Greater Midwest Region" said Susan Jacobson, Assistant University Librarian for the Health Sciences and director of the midwest RML. "The new contract offers exciting opportunities for innovative ventures to ensure that health care providers and consumers have access to quality health care information."

As a nationwide network of libraries and information centers, the National Library of Medicine provides access to accurate and up-to-date health information to health professional, patients, families and the general public irrespective of their geographic location.

The new contracts will offer UIC additional opportunities for cross-regional and national collaborations, while continuing its efforts to reach underserved health professionals in rural and inner city areas, public health professionals and special populations.

"In its 33 year history, a number of distinguished institutions have served as Regional Medical Libraries in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine," said Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., director of the National Library of Medicine. "We look forward to working with

the recipients of these contracts to make it even easier for all citizens to obtain accurate and up-to-date health information."

The UIC Library of the Health Sciences is the largest library devoted to health sciences in the Midwest and one of the five largest health sciences libraries in the country. The collection includes over 672,000 volumes, 3,700 currently received print periodicals, a large media collection, and a growing collection of full-text electronic resources and databases.

The Library supports instruction, research and patient care programs in the six professional schools at the University of Illinois Medical Center, as well as the UIC hospital and clinics. With the central library in Chicago and three regional sites in Peoria, Rockford and<sup>1</sup> Urbana, the Library of Health Sciences has positioned itself to understand and provide for the health information needs of urban and rural health professionals and consumers. More information is available online at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/lhsc/> ■