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Try a Different Database

Linda Milgrom

There's more to MEDLARS than MEDLINE! Medical librarians know and appreciate MEDLINE, but many of us forget to consider the many other valuable databases available from the National Library of Medicine. Your single NLM userid and password are all you need to connect to over forty databases and databanks on the ELHILL computer, the TOXNET system, and even PDQ. In this space we will feature a few of these often overlooked resources. How about BIOETHICSLINE?

BIOETHICSLINE

What's covered?

- Literature of health professions, biological sciences, philosophy, religion, law, social sciences, and the popular media
- Discussion of ethical and public policy issues
- 40,000 citations, 1973 to the present
- Journal articles plus laws, court decisions, monographs (and book chapters), newspaper articles, audiovisuals, and unpublished documents
- Annually compiled in print form as the *Bibliography of Bioethics*

What are some sample subjects appropriate for BIOETHICSLINE?

Assisted suicide. Patient access to medical records. Animal experimentation. Organ donation. Mental health therapies. Reproductive technologies.

Who produces this file?

The Kennedy Institute of Ethics (Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 20057-1065, phone 1-800-MED-ETHX or 1-202-687-6738 or e-mail at medethx@guvm.ccf.georgetown.edu) produces the file and many supporting documents and can provide document delivery.

What special search aids should you consider?

In addition to MeSH headings, this database uses keywords and subject captions from the *Bioethics Thesaurus* (available for \$20 from the Kennedy Institute or free of charge on the NLM server at <ftp://nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov/online/medlars/manuals/biothes.txt>).

The BIOETHICSLINE chapter of the *Online Services Reference Manual* is on the NLM server in WordPerfect and PostScript formats at <ftp://nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov/online/medlars/manuals/>

Other questions? Contact me at the RML, or NLM's MEDLARS Management Section, 800-638-8480.

Other RMLs' Newsletters on the Web

Nancy Press

You can now read newsletters from six different Regional Medical Libraries. An advantage of the Web: the RMLs don't need to pay postage to make their newsletters available to the whole country, they just need to put them up on the NN/LM server.

To find newsletters from other regions, go to the list of regions on the NN/LM Home Page:

<<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>>

The regions with their newsletters up on the Web are:

- 1 - Mid-Atlantic
- 2 - Southeast Atlantic
- 5 - South Central
- 6 - Pacific Northwest
- 7 - Pacific Southwest
- 8 - New England

As an example of the usefulness of reading these other newsletters, you may want to check out an article entitled, *Finding It on the Web — Popular WWW Search Engines*, by Dena Plaisted, in the South Central Region's *Network News*, Jan./Feb. 1996.

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Resources for Internet Teachers: Topical Lists of Internet Sites

<<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pnr/list.html#demos>>

On the NN/LM server we have a hot list of documents that present samples of resources of interest to particular audiences. Most of these were created as handouts for a particular training activity or exhibition by the RML staff. Items in this section have a relatively short shelf-life. We have set them up so that they look fairly decent when printed from a graphical Web browser. We do not guarantee that all of these will be permanently available at this site. If you have created any lists like these, we would be interested in including them at our site.

AIDS Resource Pathfinder (7 kb, revised December 27, 1995)

A Clinician's Resource Sampler (5 kb, revised November 6, 1995)

Consumer and Patient Health Sources (4 kb, revised October 4, 1995)

Dental Resource Sampler (4 kb, revised October 27, 1995)

Gopher and World-Wide Web Sampler (2 kb, revised March 1, 1995)

Health Information Management Sampler (5 kb, revised October 27, 1995)

Hematology Resource Sampler (8kb, revised November 30, 1995)

Pediatric Resource Sampler (4 kb, revised October 27, 1995)

Public Health Internet Sampler (8 kb, revised October 27, 1995)

Veterinary Medicine Resource Sampler (9 kb, revised January 2, 1996)

PNR Staff Itinerary Available Online

A list of upcoming trips and activities by PNR Staff is always available via the World Wide Web:

<<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pnr/trips/>>

Let us know if you'd like us to visit you when we are in your area.

Heavily Requested Journals

Nancy Press

One person in this region actually pores happily over DOCLINE statistics: me. I receive some fascinating regional statistics—most recently a ranked list of SERLINE titles requested by libraries in our region from October 1994 through September 1995.

The top ten requested titles were:

Journal Title	# of times requested
Nursing Standard	522
Lancet	488
Annals of NY Acad of Science	468
Journal of Advanced Nursing	461
Nursing Times	448
JAMA	393
Medical Care	379
Social Science & Medicine	379
J Am Acad Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	376
Drugs	373

This list is only of *requested* titles, not *used* titles. That is, other journal titles may be more popular, but libraries typically own them so don't need to request them on DOCLINE.

I was interested in checking the level of regional self-sufficiency for the titles that were the most frequently requested. Of the ~400 journal titles requested 100 times or more, only one was not owned—at least in part—by a library in this region. That journal was *New Horizons*, an official publication of the Society of Critical Care Medicine. The first volume was published in 1993 and NLM indexing began with that volume. *New Horizons* was requested 104 times during that year. The University of Washington Health Sciences Library and Information Centers is now considering collecting it.

This is one measure that librarians in this region are maintaining a regional self-sufficiency without formal selection/acquisition agreements.

Are Your Users Getting Their Loansome Doc Requests?

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Remember... When you receive an LDX request from your user and you can't fill it from your own collection, you must enter it in the BORROW function on DOCLINE (if your user wanted it to go on into DOCLINE).

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MEDLINE/HEALTH UI/LD ORDER >
LDX-9601064567
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The request **won't** go into DOCLINE if you simply update it in LEND as "not filled."

If you have questions, please call me.

Internet Addresses in the Pacific Northwest

When we last published a list of Internet addresses in our region—January 1995—we had 297 to report. The current list (shown on pp. 4-6) contains 390, a 31% increase. This information is also on the NN/LM PNR WWW server and is in your *Directory of Health Libraries in the Pacific Northwest*. The *Directory* is less current because it is updated annually; the version on the server is usually updated monthly.

The list on the following pages is broken down by state to make it easier for you to create group mailing lists in your own e-mail address book. We suggest that you use this list to make mailing groups for people with whom you regularly communicate. If you need help doing that, send us a message.

If you would like to get on the Internet, just give us a call to get a list of Internet Service Providers and the questions you should ask when deciding which provider to use.

Growth of Internet Addresses in the Pacific Northwest

November 1993	197
January 1995	297
February 1996	390

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'Net News

by Maryanne Blake

The promise of distance education meets the graphical, multimedia, interactive capabilities of the World Wide Web.

As knowledge in health care rapidly changes and expands, health professionals must make a commitment to lifelong learning to stay current and learn vital new information. The difficulty, for busy people, is finding time to go to continuing education offerings. Rural practitioners often have the added burden of having to travel long distances to get to these classes. Enter the Web! Using today's Internet technologies students can learn at their own pace, at a time and place convenient to them.

While there are numerous excellent health education resources on the Web that do not grant continuing education credit, innovative providers of Continuing Medical Education (CME), Continuing Nursing Education (CNE), Continuing Dental Education (CDE) and for-credit continuing education in other health disciplines are experimenting with delivering their classes over the Internet, using World Wide Web technologies. There are fees for obtaining the CE credits, usually ranging from \$10.00 to 40.00 a credit. What follows is a small sampling of some of the sites offering CME, CNE, and CDE credits. Many of these were found while browsing the **Virtual Medical Center**.

University of Washington Radiology Teaching File
Michael L. Richardson, M.D., of the Department of Radiology at the University of Washington describes his teaching site by saying:

"The digital teaching file at the University of Washington is targeted specifically at radiologists, but is appropriate for any health care provider with an interest in applied radiological anatomy. Our cases are currently weighted toward musculoskeletal radiology, trauma, and sports medicine cases, with a growing number of pulmonary cases."

For viewing 10 cases in this file and then answering the self-assessment questions, 1 credit hour of CME is issued. There are presently 38 cases available.

The Interactive Patient, Marshall University School of Medicine

Developed by Marshall University School of Medicine Administrative Computing, this multimedia program, utilizing text, images and MPEGs, simulates interaction with a patient. The user is able to take a history (ask-questions), perform a physical exam (inspect, palpate,

& auscultate), look at lab data (vital signs, electrolyte panel, complete chemical profile, thyroid panel, parathyroid hormone, blood count etc.) and X-rays (chest, abdominal, intravenous pyelogram, abdominal ultrasound, and lumbar CT) and finally give a diagnosis (select diagnosis and treatment - comments or suggestion etc.). CME Credit is available.

NIH Continuing Medical Education

NIH Consensus Development Conferences and the National Library of Medicine, offer two online classes that are multimedia, with text, images and MPEGs. The areas of study presently available are: *Ovarian Cancer: Screening, Treatment and Followup* and *Optimal Calcium Intake*.

Upon completion of each area of study, including submitting answers to questions and an evaluation form, 1.0 Category I CME credit is available.

American Journal of Nursing Company

The same cases that are found in the monthly issues of the *American Journal of Nursing* can be found at this Web site. The ten topics now available include patient restraints, asthma care, diuretic therapy, intracoronary stent care, managing the suicidal patient, abdominal aortic aneurysm and designing a clinical pathway for stroke patients, among others. CNE credit is available by reading the articles and answering a series of questions which can be e-mailed to AJN.

Dental Study Club OnLine (DSCOnline), Baylor College of Dentistry

DSCOnline contains articles that abstract dental and biomedical literature on particular topics of interest to dentists. Some of these topics are *Sedation for Outpatient Dental Procedures*, *The Use of Ultrasound in Periodontal Therapy*, and *The Effects of a Bleaching Agent on Human Gingival Fibroblasts*. Presently there are 15 topics available. There are questions at the end of the study article and when answered and submitted online you can obtain 4 hours of CDE credits per installment.

Links from this page:

Virtual Medical Center <<http://www.sci.lib.uci.edu/hsg/hsguide.html>>

University of Washington Radiology Teaching File
<<http://www.rad.washington.edu/>>

The Interactive Patient, Marshall University School of Medicine
<<http://musom.marshall.edu/medicus.htm>>

NIH Continuing Medical Education
<<http://text.nlm.nih.gov/nih/cdc/cme/>>

American Journal of Nursing Company
<<http://www.ajn.org/mmpub/ce/>>

Dental Study Club OnLine (DSCOnline), Baylor College of Dentistry
<<http://www.tambcd.edu/DentalCE/>>

Regional Calendar

March 28-29, 1996

Forging the Future of Rural Health: Turning Vision into Reality, the 9th Annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference, Spokane, WA. Sponsored by the Washington Rural Health Association and the Washington Statewide Office of Rural Health. Contact: Rural Health Conference office, phone: 509-358-7641, fax: 509-358-7647.

April 14-16, 1996

Enabling the Vision: the Emerging Health Information Infrastructure, sponsored by the Friends of the National Library of Medicine at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Speakers include: Donald Lindberg, Newt Gingrich, C. Everett Koop, Donna Shalala. Contact: HII96, c/o Friends of the NLM, 1555 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 200, Washington DC 20036, e-mail: conference@fnlm.org.

April 19, 1996

New Practice Models: Integrating Patient & Health Education in a Clinical Setting, sponsored by Providence Seattle Medical Center, Seattle, WA. Keynote speaker: David Sobel, *Improving Health and Cost Outcomes with Patient Education*. Cheryl Goodwin, Providence Librarian, is speaking on Internet/World Wide Web issues. MLA CE credit is pending. Contact: Angela March, fax: 206-320-3589, phone: 206-320-2552.

June 18-20, 1996

Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching, Seattle, WA.*

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 1996

Washington State Joint Conference on Health. Tacoma, WA. Contact Washington State Public Health Association conference registrar, 206-361-2935.

October 5-9, 1996

Pacific Northwest Chapter/Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Whitefish, MT

May 21-28, 1997

Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

October 14-17, 1997

Pacific Northwest Chapter/Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR

*Taught by the Western Online Training Center Staff. Send application to Western Online Training Center, Louise Darling Biomedical Library, University of California, 12-077 Center for the Health Sciences, Box 951798, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1798, 800-338-7657 (press 2), fax 213-825-5389. Do not send payment with registration.

Attention MEDLARS & Grateful Med Users: NLM Phasing Out Telenet, TYMNET, & CompuServe

Non-Internet access to NLM's databases will soon be provided exclusively by the FTS2000 network.

Here is the phase out schedule for NLM availability via value-added networks:

Last Date of Service	Network
March 31, 1996	All WATS services (800 numbers for Compuserve, Telenet/SprintNet, and TYMNET)
April 30, 1996	Telenet/SprintNet (all numbers)
June 30, 1996	CompuServe (all numbers)
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