The mission of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine® (NN/LM®) program is to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public’s health by providing equal access to biomedical information to all U.S. health professionals and by improving the public’s access to health information. The program is coordinated by the National Library of Medicine® (NLM®) and is carried out through a nationwide Network of over 5,000 member libraries and community-based organizations. These include academic medical libraries, hospital, pharmaceutical and other special health sciences libraries, a growing number of public libraries and community-based organizations with an interest in promoting access to health information. The eight regional NN/LM offices are located throughout the United States.

The NN/LM is dedicated to serving the health information needs of librarians, health care practitioners, administrators, investigators, educators and consumers across the United States.
OUTREACH

Through training, demonstrations and exhibits, the NN/LM reaches out to health care professionals and consumers to promote the biomedical information resources of the NLM, including MEDLINE®, PubMed®, MedlinePlus®, MedlinePlus Go Local, ClinicalTrials.gov, and PubMed Central®. NN/LM’s outreach relies on partnerships with libraries and local communities, with a special focus on meeting the needs of minority and under-served populations.

CONNECTIVITY AND COMMUNICATION SUPPORT

Working directly with Network libraries, the NN/LM encourages connectivity to the Internet and access to NLM’s many health-related resources. The NN/LM encourages using the Internet for innovative systems and services, such as distance learning, telemedicine and electronic imaging.

DOCUMENT DELIVERY

The DOCLINE® and LoansomeDoc® systems link Network libraries together to provide articles, books and audiovisals to members, their patrons and unaffiliated health professionals.

HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES

The Network helps health professionals and consumers by identifying member libraries that will provide them with a variety of services, including reference, in their local areas.

FUNDING

Funding to NN/LM members supports a wide variety of outreach activities, often in partnership with community-based organizations.

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