Library Focus on Journal Resources

The journal subscription year starts 1 January, but now is the time to consider current resources and what we might want to add or drop. Please send your feedback to us at crdamc.library@amedd.army.mil. Last year we received requests to add a dozen journal titles to our subscriptions. The good news is that we already had nine of the twelve requested. The bad news is that we had nine of the twelve titles requested, but those who needed them did not know that they were already available.

The CRDAMC Medical Library has about 200 current journal subscriptions. These are received in print, online and as microforms. Microform, a technology dating to the 1800s, remains a cost and space effective way to receive periodicals. Our library receives 46 titles on microfiche and has an archive of over 90,000 pieces of microfiche and microfilm.

With so much available, how do you find what we have? You don’t have to call or come to the library to find out. We have an online index called the Journal Title Locator (JTL) that lists our subscriptions including those in our databases and those provided by the AMEDD.

You can find the JTL, http://bl7nm2ln3x.search.serialssolutions.com/, linked on the Library’s web pages. This index is searchable by proper title, keywords from the title, or by International Standard Serial number. You can also search using truncation to browse term variations. For example, searching the term “infect*” gives titles that include infect, infects, infecting, infection, infections or infectious. This search shows that we have access to 69 journals with some variation of the word “infect” in the title.

CRDAMC Contributes to Professional Knowledge


If you click “Carl R Darnall Army Medical Center Local Holdings” you are taken to the online catalog to see what our local holdings are:

The JTL contains over 28,000 records for more than 19,000 journals that we can access through local subscriptions and databases provided by the AMEDD. Our journal holdings are also linked in PubMed. You can find links to local full-text content in two ways. If you create a “myNCBI” account, you can choose CRDAMC as your default library, which will make our links visible in your searches as well as unlock the many helpful features of a myNCBI account. The second way to access our holdings in your PubMed search is to use the PubMed link from our Online Resources page. Please let us know when you find problems; we fix errors and omissions on an ongoing basis. This LinkOut feature is only as good as our JTL data; your feedback on what does not work in the JTL or PubMed links to local holdings helps us correct problem records.

Web Enhancements

You can now find our newsletters archived by date and topic on the Library’s “Newsletters” page, linked from the library’s home page. Courtesy of our webmaster, New Books lists for each month and topical bibliographies related to library displays are now located on the “Additional Resources” page. The “Additional Resources” page is linked in the red sidebar on the right side of the library’s home page.

Bookdrop

Our library bookdrop is a year old this month. During the year you have used it to return 235 items during the day, night, weekends and holidays! The bookdrop provides a secure way for you to return library materials at your convenience—24 hours a day, seven days per week. You’ll find the bookdrop located beside the entrance to the library.

July Library Display: Dental Materials

Please come by to explore our current display of library materials for dentistry and oral surgery. Material science for dentistry, oral radiography, dental anatomy, law and ethics, materials for hygienists and dental assistants, dental anesthesia, implants, aesthetic dentistry and more are available for your use.

Lib Fact: on any given day there are 700 - 800 items checked out of the CRDAMC Medical Library!
Blue Phantoms’ Central Line insertion simulator offers realistic training that will prepare you for your next procedure. This model can be used for blind insertions or in conjunction with our SonoSite ultrasound machine. The tissues in this model match the characteristics of real human tissue. When you use the SonoSite ultrasound, you experience the same quality you expect from imaging patients in the clinical environment.

The vascular anatomy consists of the subclavian and carotid artery. Simulated blood fluids in the arterial vessels differ from the venous system allowing users to easily verify successful venous access procedures. Clinicians can use the manual bulb to simulate arterial pulsation for using blind needle insertion.

This model has self healing tissue which maintains skin integrity and leaves no traces of previous punctures. We also have a clear tissue module pictured to the right for visualizing the anatomy.

Blue Phantom has created a simulation product that can be utilized in your training curriculum. This simulator can be used as a stand alone task trainer for specific training, or used in conjunction with a scenario using SimMan or Noelle patient simulators to provide comprehensive simulation that measures multiple training objectives.

Contact the Simulation Lab at 254-553-2070 for scheduling your next event.

“Trained, Competent and Ready”
Blue Phantom Lumbar Puncture and Spinal Epidural training model offers clinicians the flexibility to practice and teach a wide variety of procedures including lumbar puncture and lumbar epidural.

The Lumbar Puncture trainer has a realistic tissues module and contains the entire lumbar spine, skin tissue, ligamentum flavum, epidural space, and subarachnoid membrane.

This Lumbar Puncture model with Spinal Epidural provides trainees the ability to practice blind insertion techniques for lumbar puncture and spinal epidural procedures or performing ultrasound guided lumbar puncture, ultrasound guided lumbar epidural procedures, ultrasound guided epidural procedures.

Ultrasound can be used for identification of insertion points, angle of needle insertion, and determination of depth.

Blue Phantom’s Lumbar Puncture trainer with Spinal Epidural access can be utilized for full procedural training. Similar to the central line trainer, this simulator can be used as a stand alone task trainer or included in a simulation that incorporates several tasks.

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