Medical Libraries Impact Patient Care
The Federal Libraries Value Project

Mabel Trafford, Administrative Librarian, Tripler Army Medical Center and Chair of the Medical Library Association’s Federal Libraries Section, recently reported on a four month survey conducted by the Section. Participating libraries came from the medical and research libraries of the following agencies: Department of the Air Force, Department of the Army, Department of Health and Human Services’ National Institutes of Health, Department of the Navy, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Participating federal medical libraries: 75

Surveys distributed: 2,612 given to patrons who received literature searches, reference help, research, document delivery or other information services from the library.

Surveys returned: 1,580 (60.5%)  
- As a result of information received from the library, survey respondents said:
  - 61.0% information provided by the library improved patient management
  - 50.0% costs of patient care were reduced
  - 46.6% received standard-of-care information
  - 19.2% information received reduced the need to order additional diagnostic tests
  - 16.0% felt that adverse events or complications were averted

Survey respondents reported that help received from the library saved them 6,288.5 hours, about four hours per patron per item received.

Sources:
http://mla2011.sched.org/event/5fdcd5b186e92ed0f32c72cdff4f2544
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- **PsycINFO**, available in the AVL via OvidSP, is a citation and abstract database covering almost 50 million cited items from journals, books and dissertations from psychology and psychiatry, medicine, law, social work, neuroscience, business, nursing, forensics, engineering, and more
- **PsycARTICLES**, also available in the AVL via OvidSP, provides articles in full text for journals from APA, the Canadian Psychological Association and Hogrefe Publishing Group. Full text coverage begins in 1884; many journals are included back to volume 1, issue 1.
- **PsycEXTRA** is a local CRDAMC subscription which can be accessed through the EBSCOhost databases linked on the library’s Online Resources page. PsycEXTRA supplies you with grey literature such as technical reports, conference proceedings, practice guidelines and statistical data gathered by stated, federal and international governing bodies.

To supplement the full text content of these resources, the CRDAMC Medical Library also subscribes to the EBSCO Database Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection (PBSC). PBSC is a comprehensive database covering information concerning topics in emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational & experimental methods. This is the world's largest full text psychology database offering full text coverage for nearly 400 journals.

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- **Borden Institute**: [http://www.bordeninstitute.army.mil](http://www.bordeninstitute.army.mil)

The “For Health Professionals” section of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health & Traumatic Brain Injury, [http://www.dcoe.health.mil](http://www.dcoe.health.mil), is another worthwhile resource that includes CEU/CME opportunities.

A confounding number of places to find online information exist in the “dot mil” and “dot gov” realms in addition to those found in the commercial sector. The AMEDD Virtual Library’s Subject Guide for Behavioral Health Resources, [http://medlinet.amedd.army.mil/bh.htm](http://medlinet.amedd.army.mil/bh.htm), can help you sort through them all.

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