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Message from the Librarian

The annual conference of the Medical Library Association featured many technology innovations and highlights, including Countway Medical Library Director Elaine Martin’s 2018 Janet Doe Lecture on diversity and inclusion in the information sciences professions. She rallied her audience and presented a rich, historical backdrop as well as a solid agenda for the future. The conference also covered the Medical Library Association’s first InSight Initiative summit, a forum of librarians and publishers that identified and explored many common concerns –such as balancing information access with information security, social media, and replacing existing authentication systems and IP ranges with federated identity. The next summit will cover a wide range of topics impacting the health sciences information environment and knowledge services.

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Quick Search Tips:

When searching for a topic in a database such as PubMed, a simple keyword search may result in hundreds or thousands of articles, only some of which are on-target. Who has time to skim through hundreds of irrelevant articles? Let the power of controlled vocabulary, or subject headings, make your life easier! Subject headings (called MeSH in PubMed or CINAHL Headings in CINAHL) will give you more relevant results much faster. For example, a keyword search for heat stroke therapy in PubMed results in over 1,300 articles. If you use the MeSH term “heat stroke” instead, and tack on the subheading “therapy,” the results drop down to 489. Here is the format for this search in PubMed: “Heat Stroke/therapy”[Mesh]

You can even make “heat stroke” a major focus of the article by replacing the [Mesh] tag with the [Majr] tag, which results in only 310 articles on this topic.

For the full dictionary of MeSH terms, and to build your search using these terms and their associated subheadings, go to the MeSH database section within PubMed:

*Note: not all concepts have a corresponding MeSH term or subject heading. One way to focus your search in these instances is to use the [title] tag instead. For example:

“self reflection”[title]

For more search tips, check out our libguide on searching: https://libraryinfo.bhs.org/ebm/searching. Or, contact the library with any questions! (794-1865, library@baystatehealth.org)

Library Resources Available to Employees

**Turning Point Cloud** - Have you used Turning Point lately? The cloud based version lets you heighten audience participation and engage your audience without using clickers! Contact the Health Sciences Library for more information.

**Laptops for Loan** - Left your mobile device at home or back at the office? No worries! Stop by the Health Sciences Library to borrow one of our fast, state-of-the-art laptops where Library staff will also assist in preparing your upcoming presentation or other task.

**Expert/Author Gallery Profile** - If you already have a profile in our institutional repository, please alert us to any new publications or other scholarship that might not be in PubMed or Scopus. If your profile is not included yet, or if you’d like to make changes in your existing profile or just have questions, contact the Library.

Spotlight on Publications

- **Davis's drug guide for nurses / 2019** - online, Vallerand, April Hazard.
- **Diagnostic pathology: Cardiovascular / 2018**, Miller, Dylan V.
- **Diagnostic pathology: Cytopathology / 2018**, Mody, Dina R.
- **Endovascular aortic repair: current techniques with fenestrated, branched.../ 2017**, Oderich, Gustavo S.
- **Fischer’s mastery of surgery / 2018**, Fischer, Josef E.
- **Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved / 2018** – online.