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Message from the Librarian

Every January the National Library of Medicine (NLM) adds new terms to its controlled vocabulary thesaurus called MeSH (an acronym for Medical Subject Headings) comprised of hundreds of thousands of terms that reflect the dynamism of language and ever-evolving nature of science. When searching PubMed, MeSH can be augmented with natural language keywords and phrases that may one day themselves become new headings. Many new MeSH terms are identified electronically from the literature or are submitted for consideration from clinicians, scientists and scholars alike to denote important, emerging concepts. Many synonyms, singular and plural word forms and variant spellings, for example are automatically mapped to standardized MeSH terms for greater comprehensiveness. In earlier years the medical literature was individually read by NLM indexers adhering to a manual, intellectual [indexing process](#). By mid-2022 it is expected that all journal articles indexed for Medline will be done by automated indexing - with actual human review and curation of results only as needed. While the process has been phased in gradually, it will be interesting to learn of any relative impact on search precision in

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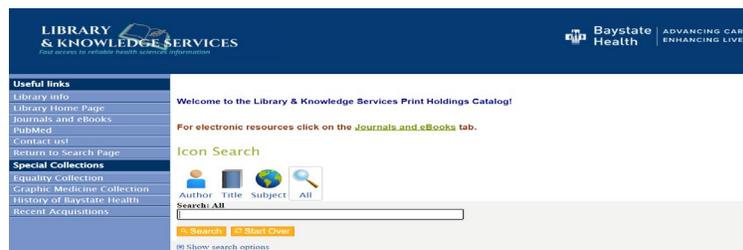
Scholarly Commons Readership Snapshot



During the 1st quarter of FY 22 over 1,000 institutions in 123 countries have viewed Baystate Health's Scholarly Commons database. There were 6,377 hits and 3,601 downloads.

Announcing a New & Improved Catalog System

The new catalog includes simple and advanced searching, title lists, and complete record displays. The new mobile format allows search and retrieval access to the library's catalog through your mobile devices. [Try searching now!](#)



The Health Sciences Library honors and recognizes February as Black History month. We invite all to stop by and explore our special collection that focuses on combatting racism as well as our many health sciences books on related topics in population health, all available for circulation.

Announcements

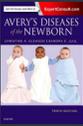
Please remember that masks must always be worn in the Library. Thanks for your cooperation.

All Baystate employees now have badge access to the Health Sciences Library 24/7 by tapping the badge reader outside the entryway. We will soon be installing a buzzer/intercom for those times when someone without access, such as a customer rep or repair person might need to gain entry - or for those few times when someone has left their badge in a coat pocket! Expect details soon!

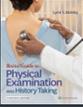
Congratulations to library staff member, Bridget Gunn, for her contribution to a recently published systematic review.

Doty E, DiGiacomo S, Gunn B, Westafer L, Schoenfeld E. [What are the clinical effects of the different emergency department imaging options for suspected renal colic? A scoping review. J Am Coll Emerg Physicians](#)

Recent Additions to the Library Catalog



[Avery's diseases of the newborn / \[edited by\] Christine A. Gleason, Sandra E. Juul.](#)



[Bates' guide to physical examination and history taking / Lynn S. Bickley, Peter G. Szilagyi, Richard M. Hoffman ; guest editor, Rainier P. Soriano.](#)



[Child abuse : quick reference for healthcare professionals, social service, and law enforcement professionals / \[edited by\] Randell Alexander, Diana K. Faugno, Patricia M. Speck.](#)



[Community resilience: equitable practices for an uncertain future /edited by Alonzo L. Plough.](#)



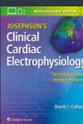
[The comprehensive manual of therapeutic exercises orthopedic and general conditions/ Elizabeth Brian, PT 2018](#)



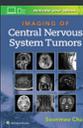
[CPT 2022 professional edition /American Medical Assoc.](#)



[Fundamentals of complementary, alternative, and integrative medicine / \[edited by\] Marc S. Micozzi ; with forewords by C. Everett Koop, Aviad Haramati, and George D. Lundberg.](#)



[Josephson's clinical cardiac electrophysiology : Techniques and interpretations / David J. Callans.](#)



[Imaging of central nervous system tumors. Cha, Soonmee.](#)

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Digital Archives

A rich treasure trove of Baystate historic archives and photos has been preserved over the years and will gradually be added to the Collections section of the Health Science Library's repository, Scholarly Commons, under "Images and Archives." The "Hospital History" section already displays dozens of historic images from Baystate's past, including places and even faces that you'll recognize! Check out the [Scholarly Commons image gallery](#) for a tour.



Can you identify when & where this photo was taken?

2022 New MeSH Headings

PubMed's MeSH vocabulary has long been a powerful tool for subject retrieval of relevant medical literature. MeSH terms, arranged alphabetically from Anatomy to Zinc, span 16 broad subject categories or "tree structures," encompassing concepts of diseases, chemicals and drugs, treatments, disciplines and occupations, health care administration, mental health and so much more. This year's changes to MeSH announced in the [NLM Technical Bulletin](#) include 277 MeSH descriptors and another 218 MeSH supplementary concepts – with many new additions related to social determinants of health, along with diversity, equity and inclusion. A quick listing of the 2022 [new MeSH headings](#) is available by sub-category, and can be perused in the 48-page, [detailed format](#) that features: Scope Notes, Annotations (definitions & use), and Tree (hierarchical) Locations. A random sampling of new terms includes the following: Social Cohesion; Sluggish Cognitive Tempo; Abdominal Core; Reelin Protein; Overdiagnosis; Memory T Cells; Medicine, Persian; Health Inequities; Systemic Racism; Anticoagulation Reversal; Rugby; and, Nuclear Speckles. Whether subject searching the library's online catalog of books or tapping into the millions of citations across thousands of journals indexed in PubMed, MeSH is your key to optimal results. NLM even provides a [search tool](#) to help you find the best headings for your topic. For more information on MeSH, explore our website's [list of tutorials](#) or contact us at 794-1865 or library@bhs.org.

The screenshot shows the National Library of Medicine (NLM) website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for "PRODUCTS AND SERVICES", "RESOURCES FOR YOU", "EXPLORE NLM", and "GRANTS AND FUNDING". The main heading is "Medical Subject Headings (MeSH®) in MEDLINE®/PubMed®: A Tutorial". Below this, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Distance Education Resources > PubMed Online Training > MeSH in MEDLINE/PubMed". The page content includes an "Introduction: What is MeSH?" section with a list of bullet points: "MeSH is: an acronym for Medical Subject Headings; the U.S. National Library of Medicine's controlled vocabulary (thesaurus); a vocabulary that gives uniformity and consistency to the indexing and cataloging of biomedical literature; a distinctive feature of MEDLINE; arranged in a hierarchical manner called the MeSH Tree Structures; and updated annually." There is also a "Reference Materials" link.