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Message from the Librarian

Typical signs that the season is changing include the waning daylight, doorsteps bedecked with potted mums in warm autumn colors, and – the month of October which heralds National Medical Librarians Month! While the celebration spans the whole month, this year the Health Sciences Library will mark the occasion with two days getting our message out that hospital libraries are committed to helping guide healthcare providers to the best evidence available and assisting all hospital employees navigate a complex information landscape.

On October 23rd and 24th the library will showcase important services and resources, with surprise games and online demos of major databases and digital tools. To emphasize the key role of hospital librarians and library staff, the Medical Library Association in Chicago has dubbed this year's theme "Partner with Hospital Librarians to Improve Patient Care," stating:

We urge hospitals and health system executives and leaders to consider the key services and roles hospital libraries and library staff play in supporting organizational goals. Funding a hospital library with qualified librarians and library staff clearly demonstrates the organization's commitment to quality of care and manifests a high priority placed on evidence-based practice and lifelong learning required by accreditation guidance and standards. [1, 2]

Read the formal MLA statement in its entirety [linked here](#) for more information. You can also tap into any of the articles listed that attest to the big difference hospital libraries make at their institutions – whether for residents, nurses, pharmacists, students, or hospital administrators. Let's not forget consumer health information for patients, families and health consumers seeking answers when faced with health issues and determined to avoid false or misleading information. Hospital libraries can help level the playing field by lifting barriers to quality evidence-based resources so that hospitals located in underserved communities and those who care for them have equitable access to the information they need.¹

Come to your Health Sciences Library this month and be sure to celebrate with us on October 23-24th!

¹ Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. ACGME common program requirements (residency). July 1, 2021. Accessed September 3, 2021. <https://www.acgme.org/Portals/0/PFAAssets/ProgramRequirements/CPRResidency2021.pdf>

² Hospital Libraries Section Standards Committee, Bandy M, Doyle JD, et al. Standards for hospital libraries 2007: Hospital Libraries Section Standards Committee. J Med Libr Assoc. 2008;96(2):162-169. doi:10.3163/1536-5050.96.2.162

Ask me to find that crucial piece to
AI-GENERATED CONTENT
Yes, we do that!
Celebrate Medical Librarians

Throughout October, which is National Medical Librarian month, The Medical Library Association reminds us through puzzle piece marketing that even sorting through AI-generated content is part of the suite of services that medical librarians currently provide! Check out all the puzzle pieces. Maybe one will work for you?

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INSTRUCTION & TRAINING
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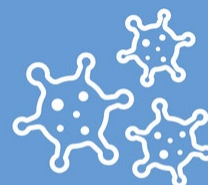
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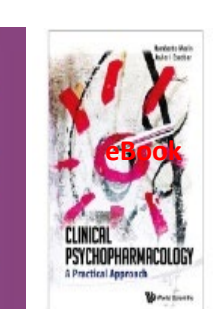
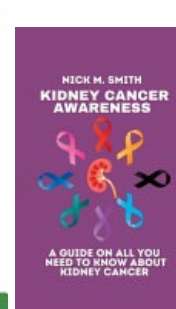
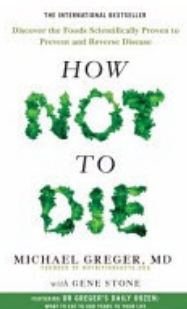
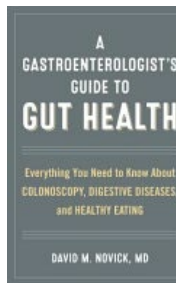
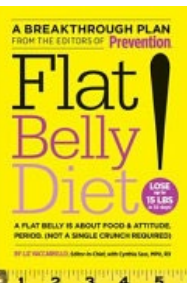
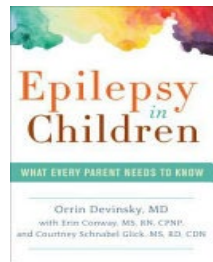
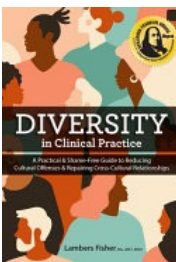
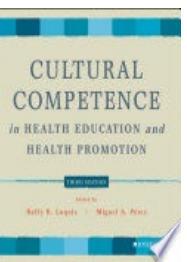
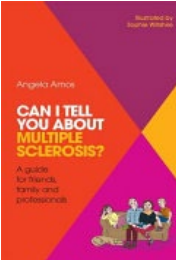
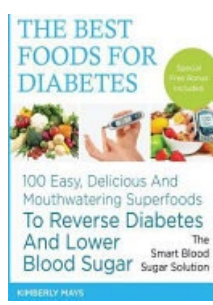
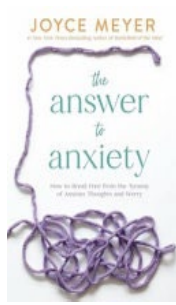


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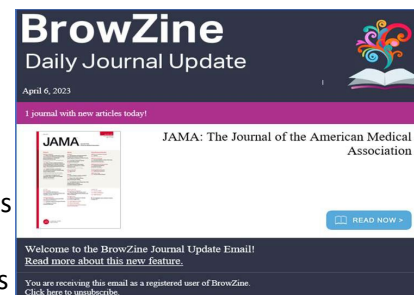
Reference Management Tools

Recent Additions to the Library Catalog



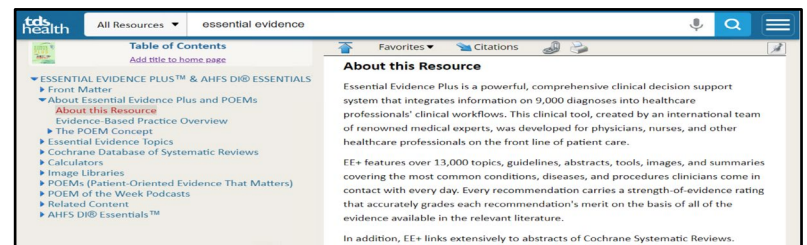
BrowZine

The library's popular software tool, BrowZine can provide regular alerts to the latest literature appearing in one's favorite journals, as [explained here](#). BrowZine will send users regular notifications of the most recent articles featured from their own, customized "My Bookshelf" journals list as often as preferred. Clicking on "Read now" in the email notice then opens a unique link in BrowZine to ensure the user's organization is selected and that they've logged into their free BrowZine user account. Regular use via the same browser will even streamline the steps as a one-click process! For more information about BrowZine see the following aids, including: our website's BrowZine mobile devices [instruction](#) and tutorial page or, BrowZine steps presented on our [mobile apps page](#) and finally the [BrowZine journal listing](#). And don't forget the Baystate Health Sciences Library's [journal finder](#).



Spotlight on Essential Evidence Plus from STATRef

STATRef is one of the premiere healthcare resources that lets users search across multiple full-text resources including books, journals, and evidence-based point-of-care tools, all in a user-friendly format. Accessible by desktop, laptop, and mobile devices, STATRef offers core titles from a variety of publishers and medical organizations, any of which may be searched individually. One of the most popular STATRef titles is *Essential Evidence Plus*, which recently upgraded its platform and user interface. *Essential Evidence Plus* is comprised of several components, including over 800 evidence topics, and can tap into content from our subscription to Wiley's Cochrane Library, which includes almost 9,000 systematic reviews – the gold standard for evidence-based medicine. *Essential Evidence Plus* also includes POEMs (Patient Oriented Evidence that Matters), which are concise, structured updates of relevant research, along with podcasts and live CME. For more information, have a look at STATRef's own [handout](#) for *Essential Evidence Plus*, or contact the Health Sciences Library.



Artificial Intelligence Tools for Research

While ChatGPT has received a lot of buzz this year, there are many additional programs that use artificial intelligence (AI) to help you find information and assist with research and writing. Check out our [AI libguide](#) for specific tools, a list of podcasts, and more information about this rapidly evolving science.

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