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# Baystate Library & Knowledge Services

FAST ACCESS TO RELIABLE HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION

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## Message from the Librarian:

National Medical Librarian Month is the perfect time to recognize how health sciences libraries provide resources and services that support quality and safety efforts, reduce the avoided costs of readmission, and medical error and even redress social disparities among patient and consumer populations where information access can play a role. Phrases such as “the digital divide,” often associated with schoolchildren falling behind academically, might even apply here. An article earlier this year in the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* joined the long list of studies attesting to the value of libraries in terms of the mission of the institution. The article focus includes not just care of the individual patient but care of certain whole populations, who benefit from evidence-based care and decision-making utilizing essential information resources. Levelling the playing field to decrease the digital divide in health care of specific populations can involve outreach to the community at-large and by providing trustworthy, current consumer health information available in other languages. The Baystate Health Sciences Library routinely addresses patient and consumer requests for background information on procedures and conditions that are often particular to population groups and that can inform and help facilitate a discussion with their medical providers. Consumer questions are in fact part of the Health Sciences Library’s community benefit activities reported annually and can help combat health disparities affecting certain populations. While the library does not dispense medical advice, we can tap into non-commercial, reliable information on the Web from top educational institutions, government agencies (e.g. the National Library of Medicine’s MedlinePlus consumer health database) and health organizations that further patient engagement and health outcomes. For more information or to refer patients and others to our consumer health information services, select the Baystate Ask a Librarian feature on the library website’s page, Consumer Health Library for Patients & Families, or through the patient portal, or contact the library at 794-1865.

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## October is National Medical Librarian Month

Nothing is scarier than misinformation! In celebration of National Medical Librarians Month (and Halloween), this is a reminder to count on the safe and trustworthy resources provided by the library staff to “dis-spell” incredible information and help you find reliable answers.



Interested in learning more about our resources? Drop in to the Library on Oct. 31 for “talk and treats”!

## ISMP’s Medication Safety Alert! Acute Care



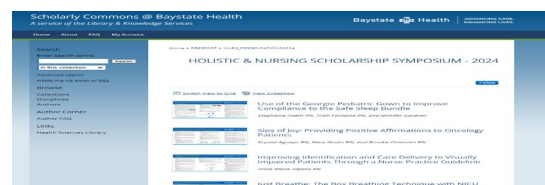
The Library now has an organization /institutional subscription to ISMP’s *Medication Safety Alert! Acute Care* newsletter. The subscription includes online access for up to 50 users in addition to the downloadable PDF that can be forwarded to others within your location. Contact the Library at ext. 41865 for access.

## Introducing AORN eGuidelines Plus Trial

AORN promotes safe care for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures through the creation and maintenance of this collection of evidence-based perioperative guidelines. The descriptive and comprehensive guidelines in this collection reflect evidence-based practices for the perioperative RN. Use this link to login or go to the library’s databases page

## 2024 Holistic & Nursing Scholarship Symposium

This event celebrated the dedication and hard work of baystate’s nurses in advancing holistic practice through evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and research. Twenty-five quality improvement, evidence-based practice and research posters were presented and can be viewed in the Library’s Scholarly Commons Repository.



Contact the Health Sciences Library today if you would like us to add your blog, department newsletter or other archival material to Scholarly Commons.

### Monthly Readership Totals:

Last month, **Scholarly Commons @ Baystate Health** had **1334** full-text downloads and **24** new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to **7978**. Baystate Health scholarship was read by **163** institutions across **76** countries.

### The most popular papers were:

Optimum Anesthesia Technique for A Patient with Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy (HOCM) and Systolic Anterior Motion Of The Mitral Valve (SAM). (86 downloads)

[https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all\\_works/9553](https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all_works/9553)

Implementation of the Modified Dionne's Egress Test on an inpatient medical and geriatric hospital unit and impact on fall rates. (69 downloads)

[https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/nurs\\_presentations2023/18](https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/nurs_presentations2023/18)

A Case of DIC in the third trimester following intrauterine fetal death: An indwelling neuraxial catheter dilemma (47 downloads)

[https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all\\_works/9370](https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all_works/9370)

### The most popular publications were:

All Scholarly Works (369 downloads)

[https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all\\_works](https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all_works)

Nurse Residency Program: Evidence Based Practice Projects (149 downloads)

[https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/nursing\\_capstone\\_project](https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/nursing_capstone_project)

Research and Education Celebration 2023 - Nursing Research Posters (130 downloads)

[https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/nurs\\_presentations2023](https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/nurs_presentations2023)

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*The library's Information & Knowledge Services Librarian performed 349 literature searches last year?*

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### Recent titles added to the Print Catalog

