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Message from the Director:

Many health science professionals recognize the importance of “library as place,” providing physical space to decompress and process information, or as a dynamic arm of the organization’s educational mission in a digital environment. The Baystate Health Sciences Library is no exception, and serves as a popular setting for clinicians, researchers and scholars – who are sometimes between stops and maybe learning optimal search techniques, or are involved with extended research or engaged in collaborative learning. Many Baystate employees enjoy 24 – 7 access to the library’s physical space, and utilize specific seating, either individual or clustered, whether to make last minute changes to presentations, or needing an environment that’s most conducive to concentrating on exam questions, or perhaps for working on an article for publication or with a colleague to find evidence-based patient care information. Our public service points reflect these options and are designed to someday accommodate yet-to-be-developed technologies, and always remain focused on you, the end-user.

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Announcing Free Trial of VisualDx



The Library announces a free trial of [VisualDx](#) and invites all Baystate staff to take advantage of this great opportunity to explore the content and features of this powerful diagnostic clinical decision support system. Designed to enhance diagnostic accuracy, aid therapeutic decisions, avoid error and improve patient safety, VisualDx integrates with the clinician's workflow, for fast, informed decision-making at the point of care. The trial of [VisualDx](#) is accessible not only from the Library home page or as a mobile app, but also integrates with UpToDate, displaying VisualDx icons with search results that link to relevant content. VisualDx contains over 100,000 peer-reviewed photos for over 1,000 diagnoses. The clinician can search a disease entity and refine results with other concepts or demographics – and then click on images to expand.

Board Vitals

Baystate Medical Center now has access to all medical specialties included in [BoardVitals](#), a powerful exam review tool from STATref. Residents and others just wanting to review knowledge now can use the ‘ALL MEDICAL SPECIALTIES’ package, which covers over 30 additional medical specialties. To start using this online tool, first create a free account (make sure to use your Baystate email address):

http://marketing.statref.com/lp/baystate_boardvitals.htm For information on navigating Board Vitals for your own use or to customize exam questions or track your group’s progress, contact the Library at X 4-1866.

Send us your list of Publications!

While [Scholarly Commons](#), the Baystate Library’s repository of scholarly works contains references to Baystate scholarly publications produced during one’s time at Baystate, the Library’s [Faculty Profiles](#) section within the repository can be expanded to include all of your or any Baystate author’s publications, including those works produced when authors were affiliated with a different institution. Contact the library X 4-1865 or library@bhs.org for more information, or to send us a complete list of your pre-Baystate publications.

Coming Soon: Lexicomp®Online

The Health Sciences Library’s free trial of [Lexicomp](#) is winding down, and given the positive feedback from a variety of Baystate stakeholders, we will announce a roll-out later in the summer including integration with Cerner. A hospital-wide solution for pharmacists, physicians and nurses, Lexicomp gives clinicians access to drug information resources within a single interface providing clear, concise, point-of-care drug information, dosing, administration, warnings and precautions, as well as clinical content, such as clinical practice guidelines, IV compatibility from Trissel's 2 Clinical Pharmaceutics Database, and many other tools. Also included is AHFS, recognized as a CMS compendium to assist in reimbursement as well as the Patient Education database that aligns with HCAHPS questions to boost scores and provide patient consumer health material in 19 different languages. Lexicomp includes a search tool within the database to instantly connect to UpToDate, which links back to Lexicomp. For those wishing to get started, [here is a video to Lexicomp basics](#), another on [Drug Interactions](#), and a link to the [Quick Reference Guide](#)



Library Apps at the Baystate App Store

Baystate Health has a webpage dedicated to [Mobile Apps](#) available to employees. Included in this webpage are Medical Apps provided by the Health Sciences Library. While most of these applications are accessible to anyone, several are subscription-based and are available only to primary affiliated Baystate staff and faculty. Check out our [guide](#) on mobile apps for details and instructions.



Reference Librarian Bridget Gunn recently attended the Medical Library Association conference in Seattle where she presented a poster entitled *The Clinical Information Quest: A Survey of Specialists and Primary Care Providers*. The poster was based on a paper published earlier this year titled: [Unanswered clinical questions: a survey of specialists and primary care providers](#).

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