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Announcing the new *OVID* Core Biomedical Collection

The *OVID* Core Biomedical Collection I (CBC) is now available through the HSL Online system to students, faculty and staff with HSL Online accounts, as well as from workstations in the HSLs libraries. CBC contains full-text versions of fifteen leading biomedical journals from 1993 to the present. The journal titles included are:

- *American Journal of Medicine*
- *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*
- *American Journal of Surgery*
- *Annals of Internal Medicine*
- *Archives of General Psychiatry*
- *British Medical Journal*
- *Canadian Medical Association Journal*
- *Circulation*
- *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*
- *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*
- *Journal of Clinical Investigation*
- *Lancet*
- *New England Journal of Medicine*
- *Pediatrics*
- *Science*

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Access to the CBC is available through Telnet, Windows and Web interfaces of HSL Online. Because CBC is offered through the same interface as MEDLINE, it has the same powerful search features already available; users can link directly to full-text articles from citations retrieved in MEDLINE searches. Along with the complete text, CBC offers related article graphics and tables in graphical form. The electronic documents are formatted to look like the printed originals, including page layout, headlines, and images. Hypertext linking capability allows users to navigate throughout an article, view references in context, consult an abstract, and link to other full-text articles.

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Staying Current with Current Contents®

Now available on HSL Online, Current Contents® provides access to the table of contents and abstracts of the most current literature in the life sciences, clinical medicine and behavioral sciences. Because journals are indexed within days of publication, Current Contents® is one of the world's most timely current awareness services.

A new feature of this database is the ability to set up a personal SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) profile. An SDI is a search strategy which may be stored on computer file, and executed later against database updates. When an SDI is executed, relevant citations are automatically downloaded, and may be saved to a computer file or sent to an email account.

This new SDI feature is available through the Telnet and Windows interfaces of HSL Online, and is accessed under the SAVE menu within the Current Contents® database.

HSLs will begin offering workshops which give an overview of searching Current Contents®, as well as demonstrate how to set up an SDI profile. For more info, contact the Falk Library Reference Desk at 648-8796, or consult the HSLs Web Page at <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu>.

New Internet Workshop Series offered at HSLs

Beginning in March 1997, a series of hands-on Internet workshops will be offered. Registration is open to faculty, staff and students of UPMC and the six schools of health sciences. Classes will be held in Falk Library, Microcomputer and Media Center, Classroom B.

- * **Getting Started with Netscape and the Web**
- * **Locating Health Resources on the Web**
- * **Search Engines**
- * **Electronic Journals on the Web**
- * **HSL Online via the Web**

For more details on these workshops and other classes, visit the HSLs Web Page at: <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/>, or call the Falk Library Reference Desk at 648-8796.

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Every component of the articles is searchable in its own defined field, including textwords, section headings, captions, and references. Photographs and other graphics are displayed in high resolution with their captions, and can be zoomed and printed in full color. Licensing restrictions by publishers have resulted in the omission of some journal sections; for example, the editorials, letters, and book reviews are not included in *Science*.

It is anticipated that CBC will be updated monthly; however, there will be a six to eight week delay between the receipt of the printed issue and its availability on CBC. This is due to the fact that OVID receives the information from the publishers in print format, and must then scan all information before distributing the database updates to its customers.

Because of the high cost of the CBC subscription, usage of the database will be monitored and evaluated in the coming year. OVID has announced the availability of several other online full-text collections including approximately 70 journals by the end of 1997. Decisions about whether to continue or add to the OVID Biomedical Collection will be based on both value to library users and availability of funding.

Guides for Locating Internet Resources on the HSLs Web Page

Are you having trouble locating information on the World Wide Web? You can't seem to find the Environmental Protection Agency site? You've heard that you can locate mortality statistics on the Internet but you don't know where to begin to find them? The answers to all these questions can be found on the Health Sciences Library System's Web Page under the "**Guide for Locating Internet Resources**". This page contains the following guides which have been compiled by HSLs reference librarians:

- *Federal and State Government Resources*
- *Guide to Locating Health Statistics*
- *Interactive Forums: Mailing Lists, Discussion Groups and Usenet Newsgroups*
- *Medical and Scientific Internet News Resources*
- *Search Engines for Locating Internet Resources*

Locating healthcare information on the World Wide Web can be made easier by using a "search engine". The guide *Search Engines for Locating Internet Resources* provides a description of different search engines, such as AltaVista and Excite, which can assist in locating information. This guide also contains links to many of the search engines, as well as helpful tips on how to use them.

For help with locating mortality statistics, click on the *Guide to Locating Health Statistics*. This is a guide to locating health statistics and resources available on the World Wide Web and at the Health Sciences Library System. If you are looking for pesticide information, you can link to the EPA's web page in the *Federal and State Government Resources* guide. This is a list of Federal and Pennsylvania government sites with links to each site.

Add the "Guide for Locating Internet Resources" to your list of bookmarks for easy referral when searching the Web:

<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/guides.html>

HealthSTAR: a health services and research database

Now available on HSL Online, the HealthSTAR database contains citations to the published literature on health services, technology, administration, and research. It focuses on both the clinical and non-clinical aspects of health care delivery. The following topics are included:

- evaluation of patient outcomes
- effectiveness of procedures, programs, products, services and processes
- administration and planning of health facilities, services and manpower
- health insurance
- health policy
- health services research
- health economics and financial management
- laws and regulation
- personnel administration
- quality assurance
- licensure
- accreditation

HealthSTAR is produced cooperatively by the National Library of Medicine and the American Hospital Association. The database contains citations and abstracts when available to journal articles, monographs, technical reports, meeting abstracts and papers, book chapters, government documents, and newspaper articles from 1975 to the present.

WPIC Library's Video Catalog on the Internet

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Library houses an exceptional collection of close to 600 videotapes. The Library's audiovisual collection includes programs produced both in-house and commercially. Videos may be borrowed directly by WPIC faculty and staff, University of Pittsburgh faculty, UPMC staff and other eligible members of WPIC Library.

The Library's Online Video Catalog may be accessed at the following web address: [**http://wpic.library.pitt.edu/videosearch.html**](http://wpic.library.pitt.edu/videosearch.html). The online catalog, searchable by title, keyword, audience and distributor, provides annotations with information about program content and length, audience level, producer and distributor for videos available in the Library.

The Benedum Audiovisual Center at WPIC Library includes two conference rooms and six individual carrels for viewing videotapes. A centralized computer system programs video playbacks to conference rooms and carrels, as well as to the WPIC Auditorium and eight classrooms in other areas of the Institute. An electronic catalog and booking program coordinates distribution of videos. This system protects confidentiality of restricted information that might appear on videotapes, while allowing users to stop and start programs as needed.

For additional information on the Audiovisual Services at WPIC Library, please call the Benedum Audiovisual Center at 624-1920.

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