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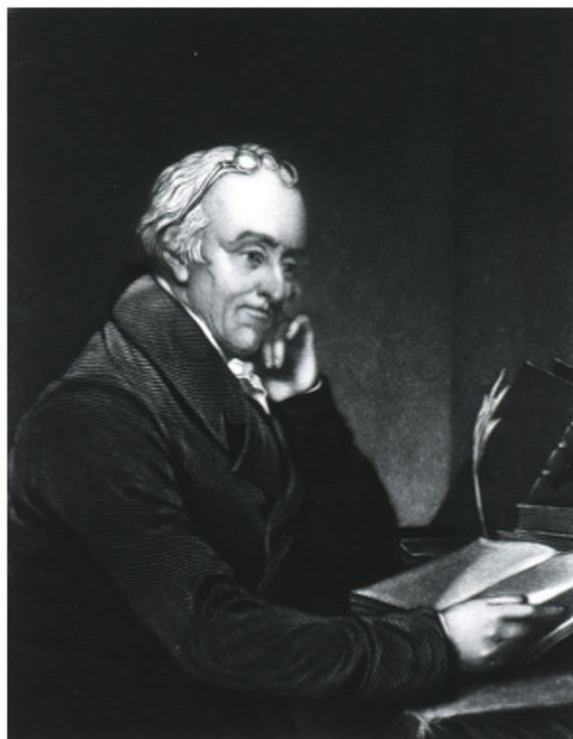
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NLM Traveling Exhibit: Politics of Yellow Fever

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POLITICS OF *Yellow Fever* IN ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S AMERICA



FROM THE FEDERAL GAZETTE.

GENTLEMEN,
MOTIVES of humanity and friendship to the citizens of Philadelphia, induce me to address to you this letter, in the hope that it may be in some degree instrumental in diminishing the present prevailing calamity. It is natural to be afflicted not only at the mortality which is said to obtain, but at the consequences of that undue panic which is fast depopulating the city, and suspending business both public and private.

I have myself been attacked with the reigning putrid fever, and with violence—but I trust that I am now completely out of danger. This I am to attribute, under God, to the skill and care of my friend Doctor Stevens, a gentleman lately from the island of St. Croix, one to whose talents I can attest, from an intimate acquaintance begun in early youth, whose medical opportunities have been of the best, and who has had the advantage of much experience both in Europe (having been in Edinburgh some years since, when the same fever raged there) and in the West-Indies, where it is frequent. His mode of treating the disorder varies essentially from that which has been generally practiced—And I am persuaded, when pursued, reduces it to little more than ordinary hazard.

I know him so well, that I entertain no doubt, that he will freely impart his ideas to you, collectively or individually, and being in my own person a witness to the efficacy of his plan, I venture to believe, that if adopted, and if the courage of the citizens can be roused, many lives will be saved, and much ill prevented. I may add, that as far as can be yet pronounced, its efficacy has been alike proved on Mrs. Hamilton, who is now in the disorder, contracted from me, with every favourable appearance.

In giving you this information, gentlemen, I have done what I thought discharging a duty. I only add, that if any conference with Doctor Stevens, is desired, that he is going to-morrow to New-York, from which journey he has been detained several days, on my account.

I am, Gentlemen, with respect,
Your obedient servant,
A. HAMILTON.

September 14.

The Medical Library is pleased to host the National Library of Medicine's newest traveling exhibit, "[Politics of Yellow Fever in Alexander Hamilton's America](#)" now through Friday, February 14 in the Kresge Library Lobby! The NLM's new Exhibitions Connect program is a competitive selection process and we were honored to be only one of 14 libraries selected to host the exhibit in its inaugural run in 2020!

This historical exhibit chronicles the 1793 yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia with a particular focus on the power struggle between politicians, including Alexander Hamilton, and physicians like Dr. Benjamin Rush in addressing this public health crisis. At the time, the cause and treatment for yellow fever was unknown, impacting all regardless of race, ethnicity, class, or age. In just three months, it was responsible for over 5,000 deaths in the city.

The event also has many modern parallels including the intersection of politics and public health, the recent zika virus outbreak as yellow fever is also a virus carried by mosquitoes, and approaches to refugee management as neighboring cities were closed to refugees fleeing the disease. Though we now have a vaccine, yellow fever still thrives in South America & Africa and there is no cure -- check out the [MedlinePlus entry on yellow fever](#) or the [CDC website](#) for more information.

Image Right: Letter from Alexander Hamilton, US Secretary of the Treasury, to the Federal Gazette, New York, September 14, 1793 describing his understanding of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia (Courtesy Library of Congress)

Images Left: Top: [Four illustrations showing the progress of yellow fever](#), Etienne Pariset and Andre Mazet, Paris 1820; **Bottom:** [Portrait of Benjamin Rush, MD](#) (unknown), prominent physician in Philadelphia who contracted and treated the disease (Courtesy National Library of Medicine)

Benjamin Rush, MD: Founding Father, Doctor, Politician, Revolutionary Integral to addressing the 1793 yellow fever epidemic as a practicing physician in Philadelphia (check out his [personal account of the epidemic](#)), Dr. Rush was also a forward thinking reformer who openly shared his views against slavery and promoted education and rights for African Americans, women, the mentally ill, and others. To learn more:

> Listen to this Radio Times podcast episode, [Benjamin Rush: Doctor, Writer, Revolutionary](#), on his incredible contributions to medicine and beyond

> Request via MelCat one of two recent biographies on Dr. Rush:

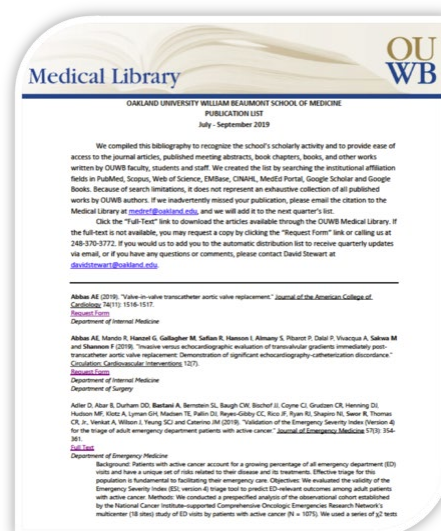
- [Rush: Revolution, Madness, and the Visionary Doctor who Became a Founding Father](#) by Stephen Fried (2018)
- [Dr. Benjamin Rush: The Founding Father who Healed a Wounded Nation](#) by Harlow Giles Unger (2018)

OUSB Publication List: July - September 2019

The Medical Library is pleased to publish the **OUSB Publication List, July - September 2019** featuring the published work of our OUSB faculty, staff, and students!

This report includes citations to articles, published meeting abstracts, and other works added to the major medical databases in the months of July, August, and September 2019 including 143 peer-reviewed articles and 42 medical student citations.

If your publication was inadvertently missed, please email the citation to us at medref@oakland.edu and it will appear in next quarter's report!



Student Corner

Student InfoBite Series

Join us for our next InfoBite to showcase the New PubMed! In late 2019, the new PubMed was released in soft launch and new changes are implemented nearly every week! Learn about the new features, how to navigate the new interface, and tips for making the most of it for Embark, Evidence-Based Medicine, and more!

- **What:** What's New with the New PubMed?
- **When:** Wednesday, March 4; 11:00am - 12:00pm

- **Where:** 110A O'Dowd Hall

As lunch will be provided and we want to make sure we order enough food for all who attend, please RSVP to the [online registration form](#) by Wednesday, February 26.

New Additions to our Collection

Check out the [October - December 2019 New Titles List](#) featuring our latest eBooks and print books including:

- ***Bless This Mess: A Picture Story of Healthcare in America*** by Stephen K. Klasko (2018). Available on Kresge Library 3rd Floor, R 702 .K53 2018
- [Global Health 101](#) by Richard Skolnik (2020)
- ***Iserson's Getting into a Residency: A Guide for Medical Students***, 9th edition by Kenneth V. Iserson (2019). Available on Kresge Library 3rd Floor, R 840 .I84 2019
- [Taking Action Against Clinician Burnout: A Systems Approach to Professional Well-Being](#) by National Academy of Medicine et al (2019)
- ***The Vaccine Race: Science, Politics, and the Human Costs of Defeating Disease*** by Meredith Wadman (2017). Available on Kresge Library 3rd Floor, RA 644 .M5 W33 2017



Service Tip of the Month: Systematic Review Support

by Nancy Bulgarelli, Medical Library Director

A systematic review is a "literature review that is designed to locate, appraise and synthesize the best available evidence relating to a specific research question ..." (1)

The literature search for a systematic review must be exhaustive, reproducible, and based on clearly defined inclusion and exclusion criteria. Systematic reviews are much more time intensive than traditional narrative reviews – most guides estimate they take an average of 18 months. They also require a multi-person research team, including at least 2 reviewers and a tie-breaker for selecting the studies you will include in your review.

Check out this [video from Brown University](#) reviewing the systematic review process:



Video: *The Steps of a Systematic Review*. Center for Evidence Synthesis in Health. Brown University. <https://youtu.be/-FQSSnaAtOU> Accessed January 28, 2020.

The Medical Library offers support for students and faculty undertaking systematic reviews that includes:

- Help with formulating or refining your review question
- Assistance in determining if a review or protocol on the same topic already exists
- Advise on the review steps
- Recommendations for databases and resources to search
- Assistance with developing database-specific search strategies
- Assistance with citation management software
- Access to and instruction on the use of [Covidence](#), a software program for managing the systematic review process
- Access to other books and resources to get you started

Undertaking a systematic review is not for the faint at heart, but it is an important endeavor that adds to the body of literature for practicing evidence-based medicine. And, we are here to support you!

Use our [appointment calendar](#), email medref@oakland.edu, or call our main phone number 248-370-3772 to schedule a research consultation to discuss your systematic review project. Also, check out our [Resources for Conducting a Systematic Review online guide](#).

(1) Boland, Angela et al (ed). *Doing a Systematic Review: A Student's Guide*. 2nd ed. Sage, 2017, p. 2

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