



Medical Library



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October is National Medical Librarians Month!

Each year, National Medical Librarians Month recognizes the contributions of medical librarians to education, research, patient care, and the community. This year's theme is "[Aim for Excellence](#)" focusing on how the information provided by medical librarians can improve patient care, lower health care costs, and promote better health in our local communities!

October is also Health Literacy Month and the Medical Library has been busy engaging our academic and local communities! Our 5th Annual Organ & Bone Marrow Donor Drive to raise awareness of organ and bone marrow donation was a success! Over the last five years, our volunteers have registered 207 new organ donors, 132 new bone marrow donors, and spoken with over 1,400 people! In the curriculum, M1 medical students learned how to counsel patients on locating reliable health information online from library faculty as part of the Art &



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Harvest of Health Fest on October 21!

Student Corner

Library Hours over Thanksgiving Holiday In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Kresge Library, including all Medical Library spaces, will have the following hours:

- **Wednesday, November 23** - Closes at 8:00pm
- **Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25** - CLOSED
- **Saturday, November 26** - Opens at 7:30am and resumes 24/7 hours

OUWB Publications

Hakim S, Amin M, Cappell MS. [Limited, local, extracolonic spread of mucinous appendiceal adenocarcinoma after perforation with formation of a malignant appendix-to-sigmoid fistula: Case report and literature review](#). *World J Gastroenterol*. 2016;22(38): 8624-8630.

- *Dr. Mitul Amin specializes in pathology at Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak and is Professor in the Department of Pathology at OUWB.*
- *Dr. Mitchell Cappell is Section Head of Gastroenterology & Hepatology at Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak and serves as Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at OUWB*

Le J, Grigorian A, Chen S, Kuo IJ, Fujitani RM, Kabutey NK. [Novel endovascular technique for removal of adherent PICC](#). *J Vasc Access*. 2016 [ePub ahead of print] (*Dr. Julie Le is a recent graduate of OUWB, Class of 2016*).

Vinson AE, Zurakowski D, Randel GI, **Schlecht KD**. [National survey of US academic anesthesiology chairs on clinician wellness](#). *J Clin Anesth*. 2016;34:623-631 (*Dr. Kathy Schlecht specializes in anesthesiology at Beaumont Hospital Troy and serves as Associate Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology at OUWB*).

PubMed Search Tip of the Month: Searching with Key Words

There are some basic principles to keep in mind when searching PubMed with key words (as opposed to MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) terms – more on that in an upcoming issue!)

Starting Your Search: Enter your concepts as phrases into the search box. When starting most searches, it's usually best to:

- **Be specific.** Identify the main concepts of your topic. If you are interested in medical students, don't just enter "students."
- **Not use punctuation such as quotation marks.** PubMed will use *Automatic Term Mapping* to find phrases and appropriate MeSH terms for you. If you use quotes, this will turn off term mapping.
- **Not use Boolean operators.** PubMed will automatically add AND between concepts.
- **Not use the truncation symbol (*).** Adding an asterisk will search for the root of a term

(such as cultur* will search culture, cultural, etc), but will turn off Automatic Term Mapping.

The following sample key word search to find articles on cultural competence in medical students found more than 500 articles!

PubMed took our simple four word search and performed a very complex search, mapping our key words to appropriate MeSH terms (e.g. "cultural competency"[MeSH] and "students, medical"[MeSH]) and also searching them individually and as phrases ("cultural competence"[All Fields] and "medical students"[All Fields]). It also provided appropriate Boolean operators.

In some searches, it's necessary to go beyond a simple key word search using Automatic Term Mapping, but for many it's best to start your search using this very powerful search tool. Once you have some initial results, you can then move on to enhancing your retrieval through the use of such other PubMed features as applying filters, adding MeSH terms, using Boolean operators, and more. All of these topics will be explored in future columns.

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