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Promoting evidence based decision making

<http://health-evidence.ca> (launched on 20 March 2005)

This is a Web site designed to provide quality research evidence to public health decision makers, saving you time by searching, screening, and rating the systematic review evidence to compile it in a free, searchable online registry. Findings of a research project funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research demonstrated a need for a reliable source of review evidence that decision makers in public health could access and use easily. You can read more about the study and ongoing research elsewhere on the site, and you can also read more about the process each review must pass before being posted here. (Accessed on 1 May 2005 at http://health-evidence.ca/why_he.aspx.)

New special queries resource in PubMed

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ma05/ma05_technote.html#queries

A new link called Special Queries will be added to PubMed's blue sidebar. Like the Clinical Queries link that takes you to a page providing specialized PubMed searches for clinicians, the Special Queries link provides access to a directory of topic-specific PubMed queries. The directory includes links to the following:

- Queries targeted for clinicians and health services researchers, including a listing for the standard clinical queries, health services research queries, and the cancer topic searches feature (offered by the National Cancer Institute)
- Subject queries, such as AIDS, bioethics, systematic reviews
- Special search queries or interfaces for complementary medicine, history of medicine, and MedlinePlus health topics
- Journal collection queries

The Special Queries directory provides links to special search interfaces or presets the Limit function of the standard PubMed interface to the selected subject or journal subset. (Accessed on 1 May 2005 at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ma05/ma05_technote.html#queries.)

Journal of the European Association of Health Information and Libraries

<http://www.eahil.net/newsletter/newsletters.htm>

The first issue of the *Journal of the European Association of Health Information and Libraries* was published in February 2005. It was formally entitled *Newsletter of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries*. Currently, this publication is available free on the Internet at the above address. It will be published quarterly.

Dare to dream — one vision for medical libraries in 2015

Take a few moments to consider what you think a medical library will look like in 10 years and then read what one physician and medical librarian predict for the future. Consider writing an article for the *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association* about your unique vision for 2015!

Lindberg DA, Humphreys BL. 2015 — the future of medical libraries. *N Engl J Med*. 2005 Mar 17;352(11):1067–70.

Ghostwritten articles — are you familiar with the practice?

The topic of ghostwritten articles in medicine is interesting and very controversial. It is not often that people with first-hand knowledge discuss their experience; however, Adriane Fugh-Berman wrote an article for the *Guardian* entitled “How I was asked to ‘author’ a ghostwritten research paper” (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/life/feature/story/0,13026,1464037,00.html>).

Call for papers for the *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association*

The *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association* (JCHLA) invites you to submit material for publication in upcoming issues of the journal. Here is the link for the journal’s Web page, just click on Instructions to Authors: <http://pubs.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/jchla/jchla.html>.

Articles may take the form of effectiveness studies, reviews, qualitative studies, or program descriptions. Topics may include health informatics; consumer health information; governmental health information networks; health information services; evidence-based practice/health care librarianship; clinical/private sector roles for health librarians; general information sciences topics (e.g., distance services, management, consortia, reference, education, recruitment and retention); accreditation; or any other issue or topic related to health or general library and information science.

Deadlines for submission are as follows:

- Summer issue 26(3) – Deadline is no later than 1 August 2005 for publication on 1 October 2005.
- Fall Issue 26(4) – Deadline is no later than 1 November 2005 for publication in January 2006.

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