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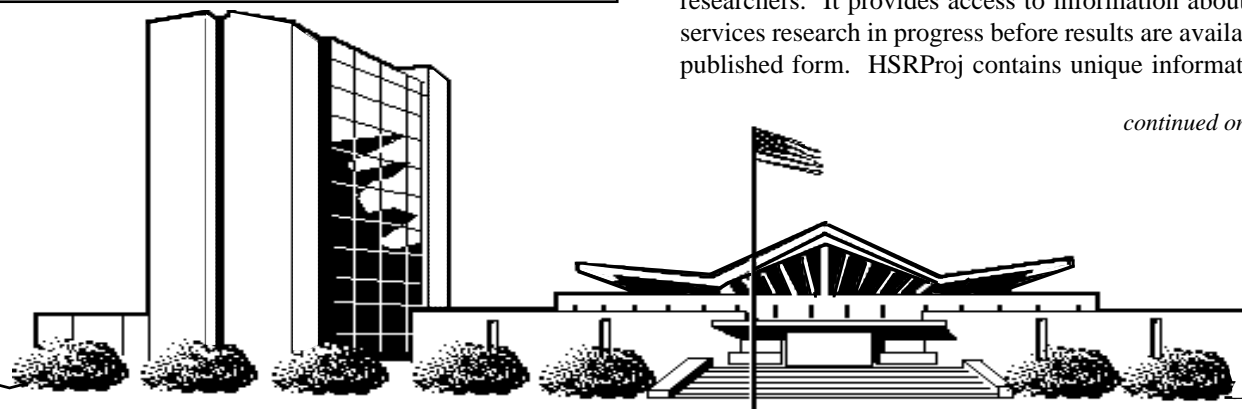
HSRProj: a New Database on Health Services Research Projects in Progress

HSRProj, a new database providing access to ongoing research through grants and contracts in health services research, is now accessible via NLM's MEDLARS network. It is currently available for searching through ELHILL command language; at any USER: prompt type: **file hsrproj** to access the database; when the Grateful Med software is updated later this year HSRProj will be added to the menu of databases available for searching with a user-friendly Input form screen. The National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR), which was established at NLM by the 1993 NIH Revitalization Act, coordinated the development of HSRProj.

Scope of Coverage

The HSRProj database includes records of research in progress funded by federal and private grants and contracts. HSRProj builds upon a prototype developed by staff of the Foundation for Health Services Research and the Cecil G. Sheps Center at the University of North Carolina with funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts. HSRProj contains information describing ongoing projects in health services research for use by policy makers, managers, clinicians, other decision makers, and researchers. It provides access to information about health services research in progress before results are available in a published form. HSRProj contains unique information not

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MEDLARS® DATABASE	TOTAL RECORDS	DATES COVERED	DATE UPDATED	UPDATE TAG
ELHILL® COMPUTER				
AIDSDRUGS	219		25 FEB 95	9502(EM)
AIDSLINE®*	111,665	JAN 80-JUN 95	08 APR 95	9506(EM)
AIDSTRIALS	651		08 APR 95	9412(EM)
AVLINE®	28,464	THRU APR 95	07 APR 95	
BIOETHICSLINE®	45,249	JAN 73-APR 95	01 APR 95	9504(EM)
BIOTECHSEEK	5,892	JAN 90-MAY 95	01 APR 95	9505(EM)
CANCERLIT®	1,107,709	JAN 63-APR 95	01 APR 95	9504(EM)
CATLINE®	746,529	THRU APR 95	07 APR 95	
CHEMID	267,994		06 FEB 93	
CHEMLINE®	1,258,634		10 MAR 94	9402(EM)
DENTALPROJ™	821		02 AUG 94	
DIRLINE®	17,592		03 DEC 94	
DOCUSER®	14,251		08 APR 95	
HEALTH	805,794	JAN 75-MAY 95	01 APR 95	9505(EM)
HISTLINE®	150,500	JAN 70-APR 95	08 APR 95	9504(EM)
HSRProj	1,242		01 JAN 95	
HSTAR**	1,568,564	1985-JUN 95	08 APR 95	9506(EM)
MEDLINE®***	1,124,813	JAN 92-JUN 95	08 APR 95	9506(EM)
MED90	748,681	JAN 90-DEC 91	10 DEC 94	
MED85	1,688,445	JAN 85-DEC 89	21 JAN 95	
MED80	1,388,882	JAN 80-DEC 84	21 JAN 95	
MED75	1,279,017	JAN 75-DEC 79	11 FEB 95	
MED66	1,986,354	JAN 66-DEC 74	08 APR 95	
MESH VOCABULARY FILE®	100,435	1995	08 APR 95	
NAME AUTHORITY FILE®	Removed from MEDLARS		08 APR 95	
PDQ®		THRU APR 95	03 APR 95	
POPLINE®	218,382	1970-APR 95	08 APR 95	9504(EM)
SDILINE®	34,113	MAR 95	25 MAR 95	9505(EM)
SERLINE®	85,375	THRU MAR 95		9503(EM)
TOXLINE®	1,391,231	1981-1995	08 APR 95	9504(EM)
TOXLINE65	707,146	PRE 1965-1980	30 APR 94	
TOXLIT®	1,406,230	1981-1995	08 APR 95	9504(EM)
TOXLIT65	586,405	1965-1980	01 SEP 87	
* AIDSLINE:	PART 2 OF 6 FOR 9506 (EM) WEEKLY UPDATE			
** HSTAR:	PART 1 OF 6 FOR 9506 (EM) WEEKLY UPDATE			
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TOXNET® COMPUTER				
CCRIS	6,495		07 APR 95	
DART™	23,668		07 APR 95	
EMIC	10,312		05 APR 95	
EMICBACK	75,886		04 APR 94	
ETICBACK	49,591		04 APR 94	
GENE-TOX	2,960		06 JUN 94	
HSDB®	4,493		04 APR 95	
IRIS	665		03 MAR 95	
RTECS®	128,410		13 FEB 95	
TRI87	80,359		27 MAR 95	
TRI88	87,498		27 MAR 95	
TRI89	87,350		27 MAR 95	
TRI90	86,749		24 MAR 95	
TRI91	84,853		27 MAR 95	
TRI92	82,331		27 MAR 95	
TRI93	79,984		27 MAR 95	
TRIFACTS	326		10 APR 92	

Technical Notes

Scientific Misconduct Annotation Removed

Important Notice: MEDLINE, CANCERLIT and PDQ erroneously annotated certain articles authored or co-authored by Dr. Bernard Fisher with the phrase "scientific misconduct--data to be reanalyzed." All such annotations have been removed or are being removed. We apologize for any problems or concerns this may have caused. Users should disregard those prior annotations.

MLA '95 -- NLM Invitation and Meeting Reminders

The 95th Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association/7th International Conference on Medical Librarianship (MLA/ICML) will be held this year at the Washington Hilton. The theme is Health Information for the Global Village. Attendees of the MLA/ICML are invited to include Island F in their tour of the Global Village exhibit hall where they can visit with NLM staff and see demonstrations of various NLM products and services. The NLM exhibit at the 1995 MLA/ICML will be focusing on "NLM reaching out to the world" electronically, in person, and with new systems. Among the features at the booth are demonstrations of the Visible Human, the UMLS Knowledge Source Server, NetCoach, HSTAT, and SPACELINE, as well as the "old faithfuls." Bienvenu!

The NLM Online Users' Meeting will be a "Lunch and Learn" session on Sunday, May 7 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:15 p.m. in the Monroe Room East and West; NLM staff will discuss plans for new MEDLARS databases and features, Internet access, and other avenues NLM is exploring to expand and improve services.

A Fixed-Fee User Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 7, from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. in the Jefferson Room East. Come if you are: seeking a solution for MEDLINE access at a fixed cost; a

hospital looking for a way to sell your administration on the Internet; or interested in hearing from the experts who are using fixed-fee programs in small hospitals, large medical centers, and universities.

The NLM Update will be held on Monday, May 8, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the International Ballroom West.

A SERHOLD meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Adams Room.

Dr. Lindberg will be one of two keynote speakers at the ICML on Wednesday, May 10 from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. following the opening ceremony. On Friday, May 12, NLM will host an International Online Users' meeting from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. in the Cabinet Room.

MEDLINE and Backfiles Database Postings in the MeSH VOCABULARY FILE

The updated MeSH VOCABULARY FILE database postings for MEDLINE and its backfiles became available on February 8, 1995. The MEDLINE and Backfiles Database Postings give the number of postings for each MeSH descriptor and subheading for citation data through the 9503 Entry Month (EM) update. Because the postings are not updated during the year, the numbers continue to reflect the counts as of February 8, 1995 for the closed Backfiles and through the 9503 (EM) of data for the MEDLINE file. Actual MEDLINE postings, however, will increasingly diverge from the MeSH data element because NLM adds citations weekly to MEDLINE. Counts are given for both *Index Medicus* (IM) postings (starred number) and total postings (unstarred number) for MeSH headings in the databases. For MeSH subheading records, only total counts are given.

Following are examples of MEDLINE and Backfiles postings as they appear with the records for PAIN (MH) or drug therapy (SH) in the MeSH file. MED, M90, M85, M80, M75 and M66 are short element names that represent the file

names for MEDLINE, MED90, MED85, MED80, MED75, and MED66. (For further explanation of the MeSH file and its record elements, type EXPLAIN MeSH online or consult Chapter 6 of the *Online Services Reference Manual*).

MH - Pain
 MED - 5245
 MED - *3226
 M90 - 3903
 M90 - *2462
 M85 - 9310
 M85 - *5708
 M80 - 7177
 M80 - *3915
 M75 - 5411
 M75 - *2485
 M66 - 8063
 M66 - *2947

SH - drug therapy
 MED - 79686
 M90 - 57797
 M85 - 126269
 M80 - 103378
 M75 - 87637
 M66 - 144440

Newsletter Articles Added to AIDSLINE

Newsletter articles have been added to AIDSLINE. There are currently 35 citations with Newsletter Article (PT) that were added for the 9504 (EM) update of AIDSLINE. Newsletters will be added monthly.

Photocopies of the newsletter articles cited in AIDSLINE may be obtained from the National AIDS Clearinghouse. The address of the Clearinghouse is located in the Procurement Source (PC) field, which displays in the standard print. There is a charge of \$5.00 per document plus \$.05 per page over two pages for photocopies.

New AIDS Inquiries E-Mail Address

An Internet e-mail address has been established to respond to AIDS database inquiries and any other NLM AIDS information services questions. This new address has been added to the Internet

directory published in every issue of the *Technical Bulletin*. Messages may be sent to:

aids@aids.nlm.nih.gov

TRI93 Released

TRI93 (Toxic Chemical Release Inventory - 1993 Reporting Year) was added to TOXNET on March 27. There are now seven years of TRI data (TRI87-93) which can be searched for a variety of environmental release and off-site waste transfer data.

Four articles on the TRI file, parts 1, 2, 3 and 4, are in the following issues of the *Technical Bulletin*: March-April 1993, p.1, 7-13; July-August 1993, p. 7-19; March-April 1994, p. 38-45; and July-August 1994, p. 25-32. This series of articles reviews TRI search features.

1995 MeSH Supplementary Chemical Records Available from NTIS

The 1995 *Medical Subject Headings--Supplementary Chemical Records* is now available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). The publication contains records of 23,571 chemicals with 49,788 synonyms for them which, since 1970, have been mentioned in a significant way in journals indexed for MEDLINE and have been incorporated as a subset of the MeSH file. Note that these chemicals are in addition to the thousands of chemicals that are formal MeSH headings in Category D - Chemicals and Drugs of MeSH. To order documents from NTIS, you may use the order form in Appendix C of the January-February 1995 issue of the *Technical Bulletin*. Orders should be sent to:

National Technical Information Service
(NTIS)
U.S. Department of Commerce
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22161

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Order Number:

PB95-965001

Hardcopy Price:

\$ 50.00 (U.S./Canada/Mexico)

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Individuals with an NTIS deposit account or a major credit card who wish to order publications by phone may call 800-423-9255 or 703-487-4650. There is a \$3.00 (U.S./Canada/Mexico) shipping and handling charge required for each order (\$4.00 for other countries). Remittance or deposit account numbers should be sent with all mail orders. If you must order first and be invoiced, there is an additional charge of \$7.50 for orders placed with a purchase order.

Additional Abridged Index Medicus Titles

The *Abridged Index Medicus* (AIM) subset of titles has increased from 119 titles to 121 titles in 1995. One new AIM title, *Archives of Disease in Childhood. Fetal and Neonatal Edition*, has separated from its parent title, *Archives of Disease in Childhood*. Another AIM title, *Journal of Gerontology*, is replaced by two new titles: *Journals of Gerontology. Series A, Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences* and *Journals of Gerontology. Series B, Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. There has also been a title change in the AIM title list: *Journal of Trauma* has changed its name to *Journal of Trauma, Injury, Infection, and Critical Care*. Please note that the List of Journals Indexed found in the front pages of monthly editions of AIM for 1995 will now reflect both the new titles and the old titles that may still have entries in 1995 AIM. However, there are only 121 unique English-language journal titles currently indexed for AIM.

Grateful Med BBS - Change In Service

Effective March 3, 1995, mail and messaging services were discontinued on the Grateful Med Bulletin Board

System (GM-BBS). Bulletins and files, however, are still available for downloading. With the advent of NLM's two Internet e-mail addresses for questions from users, the consolidation of Grateful Med questions to the MEDLARS Service Desk or e-mail addresses is a more efficient way for NLM to provide answers. Phone assistance for Grateful Med users is provided by the MEDLARS Service Desk staff (800-638-8480; Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. ET, Saturday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. ET). Users with Internet e-mail accounts may also send technical Grateful Med questions to gmlhelp@gmedserv.nlm.nih.gov or NLM database search strategy questions to mms.nlm.nih.gov.

Updated MEDLINE and MeSH Pocket Cards

Updated MEDLINE and MeSH pocket cards for 1995 are available from your Regional Medical Library (RML). Supplies may be limited, but the pocket cards are not copyrighted and may be reproduced freely. Please call at your RML 800-338-7657 to receive your 1995 copy.

1994 Technical Bulletin Index

The 1994 Index to the *NLM Technical Bulletin* is available via anonymous ftp from [nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov](ftp://nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov) in the directory `online/medlars/techbull/94index.ps`. To receive a paper copy of the index mail or fax a request to:

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MEDLARS Management Section
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894
Fax: 301-496-0822

Hospital and Health Administration Index

The American Hospital Association (AHA) Resource Center announces the availability of the first 1995 issue (Volume 51) of the *Hospital and Health*

Administration Index. Formerly named the *Hospital Literature Index*, the *Index* is produced from NLM's Health Planning and Administration (HEALTH) database. It is the primary printed guide to literature on hospital and health services administration, including health systems, health care policy and reform, integrated community delivery networks, health planning, and health services research. The *Index* will be published in three issues, with the third issue being an annual cumulation.

Single quarterly issues, including the casebound annual cumulation, will not be sold at a price less than the annual subscription rate. The order numbers and prices follow. For your convenience, an order form is included as Appendix A of this issue of the *Technical Bulletin*.

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**1995 Guide to POPLINE
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Corrected Information**

The fourth edition of *A User's Guide to POPLINE Keywords* is considered a must

for both novice and expert POPLINE users. Searching with POPLINE keywords (KW) is the key to quicker, more thorough and comprehensive POPLINE searches. Each keyword is presented with a definition and broader/narrower keywords. In addition, a special index alphabetizes each significant word or keyword phrase to help a searcher quickly identify appropriate keywords.

The 1995 *User's Guide to POPLINE Keywords* is available for \$50.00 (pages only, no binder) or \$60 (pages and binder) from The Johns Hopkins University. Please note, the price information in the January-February 1995 *Technical Bulletin*, page 3, for the *User's Guide* is incorrect. Requests for the *User's Guide* should be sent to:

User's Guide to POPLINE Keywords
Center for Communications Programs
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
111 Market Place, Suite 310
Baltimore, MD 21202-4024 □

FTS2000 Transition Schedule

Reminder: NLM is transitioning from the current telecommunications networks SprintNet (Telenet), TYMNET, and CompuServe to the new FTS2000 network. Please begin using the FTS2000 number 800-525-0216 according to the schedule below. If the date for your state has passed, you may begin using the new number immediately.

The article on pages 23-26 of the November-December 1994 *Technical Bulletin* explains the transition process in detail, including the new login procedure that must be used with the FTS2000 number. Grateful Med users need to select FTS2000 in the SETUP screen and type in 800-525-0216.

March and April 1995 - Regions 1 and 2

Users in the states of Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands should transition beginning in March from the present networks to the new FTS2000 service.

May and June 1995 - Regions 3 and 4

Users in the states of Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming should transition to the new FTS2000 AT&T network during May and June.

July and August 1995 - Regions 5 and 6

Users in the states of Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Washington should transition to the FTS2000 network in July and August.

September and October 1995 - Regions 7 and 8

Users in the states of Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and American Samoa, Guam and military posts should transition to the new FTS2000 AT&T network.

If you have any difficulty with FTS2000, contact the MEDLARS Service Desk at 800-638-8480 or mms@nlm.nih.gov for assistance.

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easily located previously within the health services research community. HSRProj made its debut January, 1995 with 1,242 records and will be updated quarterly (May, August, November, February) with up to 1,500 records added annually.

Indexed Data

Users can retrieve names of performing organizations and sponsoring agencies, names and addresses of the principal investigator, beginning and ending years of the project, level of funding, information about study design and methodology including demographic characteristics of the study group, number of subjects in the study population, population base of the study sample and source of the project data. Records are indexed with NLM's Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and, when available, CRISP keywords. CRISP (Computer Retrieval of Information On Scientific Projects), a database developed by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Division of Research Grants, contains information on research projects supported by the U. S. Public Health Service. Also, project descriptions are located in the Abstract field whenever available. A unit record is shown in Figure 1 and a sample record is shown in Figure 2.

Funding Agencies

Records cover both grants and contracts awarded by several major public and private funding agencies including: the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), DHHS Office of Rural Health Policy, Department of Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth Fund, Pew Charitable Trusts, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, John A. Hartford Foundation, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and the William T. Grant Foundation.

HSRPROJ Unit Record

CATEGORY QUALIFIER	ELEMENT NAME	SEARCH STATUS	PRINT	PRINT FULL	PRINT DL
AB	ABSTRACT	TW	N	N	Y
AD	ADDRESS		N	Y	Y
AW	AWARD TYPE	*	N	N	Y
CY	COUNTRY	*	N	N	Y
DSO	DATA SOURCE	*	N	Y	Y
EM	ENTRY MONTH	*	N	N	Y
EML	ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS		N	N	Y
FGC	FUNDING CURRENT YEAR		N	N	Y
FGCR	FUNDING CURRENT YEAR RNG	*,R	N	N	N
FG	FUNDING TOTAL		N	N	Y
FGR	FUNDING TOTAL RANGEABLE	*,R	N	N	N
Y2	FINAL YEAR	*,R	N	N	Y
ID	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	*	Y	Y	Y
Y1	INITIAL YEAR	*,R	N	N	Y
IR	INVESTIGATORS	*	Y	Y	Y
KW	KEYWORDS	*,TW,KF	N	N	Y
LR	LAST REVISION DATE	*,R	N	N	Y
MH	MESH HEADING	*,MHF,TW	N	N	Y
MN	MESH TREE NUMBER	*	N	N	N
NSU	NUMBER OF SUBJECTS	*	N	N	Y
PO	PERFORMING ORGANIZATION	*,TW	Y	Y	Y
PBA	POPULATION BASE	*,TW	N	N	Y
SI	SECONDARY SOURCE ID	*	Y	Y	Y
STS	STATES	*	N	N	Y
STU	STUDY DESIGN	*	N	Y	Y
SP	STUDY POPULATION	*	N	N	Y
SH	SUBHEADING	*	N	N	N
SA	SUPPORTING AGENCY	*,TW	Y	Y	Y
FAX	TELEFACSIMILE		N	N	Y
TEL	TELEPHONE NUMBER		N	Y	Y
TI	TITLE	TW,TF	Y	Y	Y
UI	UNIQUE IDENTIFIER	*	N	N	N
ZP	ZIP CODE	*	N	N	Y

KEY:

- * = DIRECTLY SEARCHABLE
- KF = KEYWORDS FIELD TEXT WORDS
- TW = TEXT WORD SEARCHABLE
- TF = TITLE FIELD TEXT WORDS
- MHF = MESH HEADING FRAGMENTS
- N = NO
- Y = YES
- R = RANGEABLE

NOTES:

- EM is a four-digit number in the format YYYY. It is used as an update tag.
- Y1 and Y2 are four-digit numbers in the format YYYY.
- AD is principle investigator's address.
- Print AR is also available for this file. It prints the SI, TI, ID, IR, AB, PO, and SA fields.

Figure 1 - HSRProj Unit Record

Sample HSRProj Record in PRINT DL INDENTED Format

SECONDARY SOURCE ID	HSR/93210050
TITLE	National Health Service Corps scholarship recipient retention study
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	CSR000007-01
INVESTIGATORS	Hart L Gary
ADDRESS	WAMI Rural Health Research Center, Department of Family Medicine, HQ-30, University of Washington, 3747 15th Avenue Northeast, #202, Seattle, Washington 98195
TELEPHONE NUMBER	IR: 206-685-0401 ; PO: 206-685-0401
TELEFACSIMILE	206-685-0610
ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS	hart@fammed.washington.edu
PERFORMING ORGANIZATION	WAMI Rural Health Research Center
DATA SOURCE	AMA, NHSC
POPULATION BASE	National
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS	6,300
STUDY POPULATION	NHSC allopathic physician scholarship recipients graduating from medical schools for the years 1975 through 1983
SUPPORTING AGENCY	Office of Rural Health Policy
AWARD TYPE	Grant
INITIAL YEAR	9201
FINAL YEAR	9601
FUNDING TOTAL	\$1,657,077
FUNDING CURRENT YEAR	\$315,568
STATE	WA
ZIP CODE	98195
COUNTRY	United States
MESH HEADING	PHYSICIANS, FAMILY ; RURAL HEALTH ; FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ; SPECIALTIES, MEDICAL ; UNITED STATES
ABSTRACT	There is growing concern over the continued scarcity of rural physicians and the effectiveness of federal, state, and local programs in producing primary care physicians who locate and remain in rural locales. This study examined the distribution and retention of 6,300 National Health Service ...
ENTRY MONTH	9310

Figure 2 - Sample HSRProj Record**Searching Tips**

The NEIGHBOR (NBR) command is useful for searching HSRProj. Because records are provided by the funding agencies with no name authority work done by NLM, personal and organizational names may vary from record to record. For example, as shown in Figure 3 on the following page, an investigator's name is entered with and without a middle initial; however, the surname is always the first entry in the

Investigators (IR) field. Use the NEIGHBOR command to enter the index and then select the number(s) containing the items you want. Figures 3 through 6 illustrate the various ways in which the NEIGHBOR command can be used in this database.

Future Plans

An update to the IBM PC and Macintosh versions of Grateful Med that will include an Input screen for HSRProj will be

available upon request from NICHSR in the summer of 1995. Contact NICHSR at the address below if you would like to receive the update when it becomes available. For questions regarding HSRProj, please contact the NICHSR at: e-mail: nichsr@nlm.nih.gov or 800-272-4787 (Select 1,6,3,2) or 301-496-0176. □

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SS 1 /C?
USER:
nbr defriese g

PROG:
SELECT # POSTINGS TERM
 1 1 DEFORMITY (TF)
 2 1 DEFORMITY (TW)
 3 1 DEFRIESE GORDON (IR)
 4 2 DEFRIESE GORDON H (IR)
 5 2 DEGENERATIVE (TW)
UP N OR DOWN N OR ENTER A SELECT COMMAND.

USER:
sel 3-4

PROG:
SS (1) PSTG (3)

USER:
prt indented 1
PROG:
1
SECONDARY SOURCE ID      CRISP/93202510
TITLE                    Program on health research for older rural populations
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER    P20AG09648, 03
INVESTIGATORS            DEFRIESE GORDON H
PERFORMING ORGANIZATION  Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services
SUPPORTING AGENCY        National Institute on Aging (NIA)

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• IR is the abbreviation for the Investigator field.

• Select both line entries for Defriese Gordon.

• Print indented format includes the full field name.

Figure 3 - Using the NEIGHBOR (NBR) Command to Search for an Investigator's Name

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SS 1 /C?
USER:
nbr university of california

PROG:

SELECT # POSTINGS TERM
 1 6 UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA (PO)
 2 5 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MED SCIS LTL ROC (PO)
 3 1 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (PO)
 4 1 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN FRANCIS (PO)
 5 3 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS (PO)
UP N OR DOWN N OR ENTER A SELECT COMMAND.

USER:
down 10
PROG:

SELECT # POSTINGS TERM
 6 1 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE (PO)
 7 35 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES (PO)
 8 7 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO (PO)
 9 13 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO (PO)
10 2 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO, (PO)
11 1 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, SCH (PO)
12 1 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS (PO)
13 1 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (PO)
14 1 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, (PO)
15 3 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO (PO)
UP N OR DOWN N OR ENTER A SELECT COMMAND.

USER:

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• As seen below there are many different entries for this University. All names are indexed as they are submitted by the Sponsoring Agency.

Figure 4 - Using the NBR Command to Search for an Organization (the University of California) Performing Research


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down 10
PROG:

SELECT # POSTINGS TERM
16 1 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SF (PO)
17 4 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (PO)
18 1 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, IRVING B. HARRIS (PO)
19 3 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HEALTH SCIENCES (PO)
20 4 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HLTH SCIENCES CT (PO)
21 1 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCIENCES CENTER, (PO)
22 4 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER (PO)
23 1 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT STORRS (PO)
24 1 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE (PO)
25 1 UNIVERSITY OF DENVER (PO)
UP N OR DOWN N OR ENTER A SELECT COMMAND.

USER:
sel 3-16

PROG:
SS (1) PSTG (71)

SS 2 /C?
USER:
prt 1-2

1
SI - CRISP/93209590
TI - Pain—Bioethical, clinical and quality of life judgement
ID - R03NR02831, 01
IR - OMERY ANNA K
PO - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES
SA - National Center for Nursing Research (NCNR)

2
SI - CRISP/93209540
TI - Caring for pregnant women—Malama Na wahine hapai
ID - R18NR02678, 03
IR - AFFONSO DYANNE D
PO - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO
    
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Figure 4 - Using the NBR Command to Search for an Organization (the University of California) Performing Research cont

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SA - National Center for Nursing Research (NCNR)
SS 1 /C?
USER:
nbr ahcpr

PROG:

SELECT # POSTINGS TERM
1 1 AHCCS (TF)
2 1 AHCCS (TW)
3 282 AHCPR (TW)
4 281 AHCPR (SA)
5 1 AHSR (TW)
    
```

- Select the Supporting Agency (SA) field to retrieve citations with AHCPR cited in that capacity.

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UP N OR DOWN N OR ENTER A SELECT COMMAND.

USER:
sel 4

SS (1) PSTG (281)

SS 2 /C?
USER:
prt 1
PROG:

1
SI - CRISP/93209780
TI - Retention of physicians in community health centers
ID - R01HS07053, 02
IR - DAVIDSON STEPHEN M
PO - JOHN SNOW, INC
SA - Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR)
    
```

Figure 5 - Using the NBR Command to Locate AHCPR as the Funding Agency

SS 1 /C?

USER:

nbr minorities

- Search the index for any occurrence of the word

PROG:

SELECT # POSTINGS TERM

1 1 MINOR (MHF)
 2 9 MINOR (TW)
 3 2 MINORITIES (TF)
 4 11 MINORITIES (TW)
 5 12 MINORITY (TF)

- TF = a word in a title only
- TW = a word in a title, abstract, CRISP keyword, MeSH term, performing organization, or sponsoring agency

UP N OR DOWN N OR ENTER A SELECT COMMAND.

USER:

down 10

PROG:

- Displays the next 10 index entries to the screen

SELECT # POSTINGS TERM

6 26 MINORITY (MHF)
 7 49 MINORITY (TW)
 8 6 MINORITY GROUP (KW)
 9 26 MINORITY GROUPS (MH)
 10 5 MINORITY HEALTH PROFESSIONAL (KW)
 11 1 MINORS (TW)
 12 1 MINTER (TW)
 13 1 MINUS (TW)
 14 5 MINUTE (TW)
 15 4 MINUTES (TW)

- MHF = MeSH heading fragment
- KW = CRISP Keyword
- MH is a complete MeSH heading

UP N OR DOWN N OR ENTER A SELECT COMMAND.

USER:

sel 3-10

- Selects all occurrences of minorities or minority from index

PROG:

SS (1) PSTG (51)

SS 2 /C?

USER:

prt 3-4

PROG:

3

SI - CRISP/93209550
 TI - Rural Oregon minority prenatal case management project
 ID - R18NR02685, 03
 IR - BURTON DEBORAH
 PO - OREGON HEALTH DIVISION
 SA - National Center for Nursing Research (NCNR)

4

SI - CRISP/93209240
 TI - Minority use of long-term care— Method and meaning
 ID - R01AG11285, 01
 IR - MILLER BAILA H
 PO - UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
 SA - National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Figure 6 - Using the NBR Command to Find Citations on Research Involving Minorities

HSTAT Update

In April 1994, NLM announced the availability of HSTAT (Health Services/Technology Assessment Text) -- a free, electronic service which provides access to the full-text of selected health guidelines. Developed by the Information Technology Branch of the Lister Hill Center, HSTAT is a major component of the expanded health services research information program coordinated by NLM's National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR). See related stories on HSTAR, pages 13-14, and HSRProj, pages 1, 6-10, in this issue.

Accessing HSTAT

To accommodate users with a range of computing and communications environments, HSTAT is available via a number of different electronic access methods. (See Figure 1 for a summary of the technical details.)

The NLM Full-Text Retrieval System (FTRS) provides a menu-driven interface to the text of the guidelines, a table of contents for each document from which a particular section may be selected, and the ability to search by words or phrases. It is accessed on average about 160 times per month by modem and 260 times per month over the Internet.

NLM also provides access to HSTAT through its World-Wide Web (WWW) servers. Users must have a Web client such as Mosaic, Netscape, etc. (Mosaic for Unix, Macintosh, and PC Windows platforms is available at no charge from NCSA [National Center for Supercomputing Applications] through anonymous ftp to ftp.ncsa.uiuc.edu.) Web clients provide access to hypertext documents composed of text, images, and sound and make it possible to view, print, and download the text, graphics, and tables of guidelines in a form which is similar to the printed copy. The URL

for the HSTAT home page is <http://text.nlm.nih.gov>, or you may get to HSTAT from NLM's HyperDoc home page (as described in Figure 1). HSTAT on the World-Wide Web is accessed on average by 3,100 hosts per month. Later this year, the WWW version will also make use of the basic retrieval capabilities of NLM's Full-Text Retrieval System.

In addition to the interactive access to the contents of HSTAT provided by the NLM FTRS or WWW, users may also use ftp (to [nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov](ftp://nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov)) or gopher (to <gopher.nlm.nih.gov>) to transfer the text of particular guidelines to their local systems. Web clients also support user-friendly ftp and gopher clients from within the WWW. The URLs to the NLM ftp and Gopher files are, respectively, <ftp://nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov> and <gopher://gopher.nlm.nih.gov>. WWW access to both the NLM ftp and Gopher servers is also available on the HSTAT home page. The 444 available HSTAT document files were accessed via ftp and gopher nearly 25,000 times between May and December 1994.

HSTAT Databases

Since its debut nearly a year ago, much information has been added to HSTAT. It now includes:

- **AHCPR-Supported Guidelines**

The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) supports development of Clinical Practice Guidelines, Quick Reference Guides for Clinicians, and Consumer Versions for patients and their families. Figure 2 provides the list of clinical conditions currently covered in the three types of AHCPR-supported documents found in HSTAT.

- **NIH Documents**

Consensus Development Conference Statements and Technology Assessment Workshop Reports are prepared and distributed under the auspices of OMAR, the Office of Medical Applications of Research of the National Institutes of Health.

HSTAT currently includes nearly 120 OMAR documents dating from 1977-1995.

- **ATIS**

The HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS), offered through the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) National AIDS Clearinghouse, is a collaborative project of the Public Health Service to provide access to federally approved treatment guidelines and recommendations. ATIS guidelines are now available online in HSTAT. Voice access to reference specialists who will search HSTAT (and other of NLM's AIDS-related databases, such as AIDSLINE) is available at 1-800-HIV-0440. A phone call to ATIS can also provide access to other related Public Health Service information services including: the CDC National AIDS Hotline; the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse; the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service; the HRSA-sponsored Warmline (treatment information for physicians only); the SAMHSA National Drug Information, Treatment and Referral Hotline (information on drug treatment and community resources); and the SAMHSA National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.

For additional information on HSTAT or any of the Health Services Research Information Program products and services produced by NLM, contact:

National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR)
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894
E-mail: nichsr@nlm.nih.gov
Phone: 800-272-4787 (Select 1,6,3,2) or 301-496-0176
NICHSR Home Page:
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr.dir/nichsr.html> □

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• **To Access HSTAT via NLM's FTRS (Full-Text Retrieval System):**

(1) Users of the PC version of Grateful Med (6.0 or greater) may obtain a script that will load a Grateful Med menu option for HSTAT; contact NICHSR to obtain a free disk copy (specify 3.5" or 5.25"), or ftp the script from the nlmpubs/hstat/gmhstat directory on nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov. This script will accommodate modem access only. (If you use a Novell communication server, or if you use the Internet and do not have a modem locally attached to your computer, or if you are using Grateful Med for the Macintosh, you should use the other options for access to HSTAT outlined below.)

or

(2) telnet to text.nlm.nih.gov

or

(3) dial 800-952-4426 (This method is designed for users with a modem but neither the PC version of Grateful Med nor Internet.)

Note: For (2) and (3) above, users a) login as hstat or HSTAT, and b) emulate a VT100 or VT102 terminal.

Internet users have three additional ways to access HSTAT, each with different functions:

- **World-Wide Web (WWW):** Specify the URL for NLM's HyperDoc home page: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>, select NLM Online Information Services, and then select HSTAT
- **File Transfer Protocol (FTP):** ftp to nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov and obtain HSTAT documents from the hstat directory
- **NLM Gopher:** Once connected to the NLM Gopher server (gopher.nlm.nih.gov), select HSTAT from the menu

Figure 1 - Accessing HSTAT

Guideline Title	Print Release Date
1. Acute Pain Management	March 5, 1992
2. Urinary Incontinence In Adults	March 23, 1992
3. Pressure Ulcers in Adults	March 18, 1992
4. Cataract in Adults	February 25, 1995
5. Depression in Primary Care	April 14, 1993
6. Sickle Cell Disease	April 27, 1993
7. Early HIV Infection	January 20, 1994
8. Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia	February 8, 1994
9. Management of Cancer Pain	March 2, 1994
10. Unstable Angina	March 15, 1994
11. Heart Failure	June 28, 1994
12. Otitis Media with Effusion	July 14, 1994
13. Quality Mammography	October 19, 1994
14. Acute Low Back Problems in Adults	December 8, 1994
15. Pressure Ulcer Treatment	December 21, 1994

Figure 2 - AHCPR-Supported Guidelines, Quick Reference Guides, and Consumer Versions Online in HSTAT as of April 3, 1995

HSTAR Update

The HSTAR (Health Services/Technology Assessment Research) database first became available in February 1994 (see page 1 of the January-February 1994 *Technical Bulletin*). HSTAR was created to serve as a unique file for the organization and storage of health services research (HSR) citations from the MEDLARS (e.g., MEDLINE, HEALTH, CATLINE) databases and to expand NLM's online coverage of and access to HSR literature by including materials not previously covered in MEDLARS. HSTAR currently contains over 1.5 million records.

Selection Criteria

NLM's collection development policies and practices for HSR materials are described in detail in the *Collection Development Manual of the National Library of Medicine* (3rd edition, 1993). Like many other NLM publications, the *Collection Development Manual* is available via file transfer protocol (ftp) over the Internet from NLM's publications server and the NLM Gopher. Additional guidance has been provided to NLM from:

- *The National Library of Medicine and health care technology assessment: improving the information: report of a study* by the Information Panel of the Council on Health Care Technology Information
- *Improving information services for health services researchers: a report to the National Library of Medicine*. Committee to Advise the National Library of Medicine on Information Center Services in Health Services Research, Institute of Medicine; Jo Harris-Wehling and Lawrence C. Morris, editors

- Suggestions from users of NLM's bibliographic and full-text databases on health services research and practice guidelines

- Recommendations from the NLM's Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC), established to review journal titles and assess the quality of their contents

Broadly defined, the HSTAR database encompasses three conceptual areas:

Health Services Research: the study of the scientific basis and management of health services and their effect on access, quality, and cost of health care

Clinical Practice Guidelines: a set of directions or principles to assist the health care practitioner with patient care decisions about appropriate diagnostic, therapeutic, and other clinical procedures for specific clinical circumstances

Health Care Technology Assessment: the evaluation of the cost, efficacy, effectiveness, patterns of use, and the ethical, economic, and social consequences of a medical technology

Composition of HSTAR

HSTAR contains bibliographic records from MEDLINE (87%), HEALTH (5%), and CATLINE (7%) from 1985 to the present, selected citations prior to 1985 on health legislation and regulation, and approximately 7,500 (<1%) citations from materials indexed exclusively for HSTAR. These items do not appear in any other MEDLARS database. They include: (1) journals and monographic series that are being selectively indexed for HSTAR. A list of these can be obtained by searching SERLINE in the AI (Abstracting and Indexing) field for the value HSR or in the LI (Special List Indicator) field for the value T; (2)

government reports collected by NLM in microfiche format from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS); (3) clinical practice guidelines and health care technology assessment reports issued by governmental and nongovernmental organizations (consulting firms) worldwide; (4) health care equipment product comparison reports; (5) meeting abstracts from the Association for Health Services Research and the International Society of Technology Assessment in Health Care; (6) conference papers; and (7) book chapters. Newspaper articles regarding major health care policy, technology, and trends will be indexed in the future. HSTAR is updated weekly with MEDLINE citations, and monthly with citations from HEALTH, CATLINE, and the materials indexed exclusively for HSTAR.

Search Hint

Searchers using multiple databases may want to limit their retrieval to the materials unique to HSTAR. Since the MEDLINE (SI=MED) and HEALTH (SI=AHA) portions of HSTAR are quite large (92% of database), it is recommended that searchers combine the Secondary Source ID (SI) values of the special material with their retrieval (see Figure 1). The SI values found in HSTAR are: MED for MEDLINE references; AHA for HEALTH references; CAT for CATLINE references; HTA for journals indexed exclusively for HSTAR and held by NLM; HTM for books, book chapters, and monographic series indexed exclusively for HSTAR and held by NLM; and HTX for materials indexed exclusively for HSTAR and not in NLM's collection. Grateful Med users are prompted automatically on the HSTAR Input form screen to eliminate MEDLINE and/or HEALTH records. The retrieval then includes the unique HSTAR materials and CATLINE references.

YOU ARE NOW CONNECTED TO THE HSTAR (HEALTH SERVICES/TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT) FILE.

SS 1 /C?
 USER:
 (SI) HTA OR HTM OR HTX

- **Secondary Source ID (SI) fields of citations from materials indexed exclusively for HSTAR.**

PROG:
 SS (1) PSTG (7457)

PSTG (7457)

SS 2 /C?
 USER:
 1 and *management information systems

- **Combine the subject of the search with the unique retrieval for this file.**

PROG:
 SS (3) PSTG (7)

SS 4 /C?
 USER:
 prt 5 compr

PROG:
 1

SI - HTM/94904960

- **HTM = Monographs indexed exclusively for HSTAR.**

AU - Zipsnis K
 CN - Arizona State Dept. of Health Services ; United States. Office for Maternal and Child Health
 TI - Family health services state program staff development project [microform]
 OD - PB91-2251169
 PC - Distributed for purchase by: the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield VA 22161.
 SO - Phoenix, AZ: Arizona State Dept. of Health Services, 1991. 15 p.

2

SI - HTX/94910991

- **HTX = Material not in NLM's collection and indexed exclusively for HSTAR.**

AU - Indyk D; Bleville R; Indyk L
 TI - A continuous quality improvement approach to community-based program development: implications for understanding and meeting basic needs [abstract]
 SO - AHSR FHSR Annu Meet Abstr Book. 1994;:83.

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SI - HTX/94910949

AU - Borbas C ; McLaughlin B ; Germann S ; Morris N ; Boudlali K ; Lancer S ; Schultz G
 TI - Developing outcomes management evaluations and reporting programs for health care providers and purchasers: lessons learned [abstract]
 SO - AHSR FHSR Annu Meet Abstr Book. 1994;:101.

4

SI - HTX/94906496

AU - Sahlstedt S
 TI - Computer support for nursing process and documentation [abstract]
 SO - Abstr Int Soc Technol Assess Health Care. 1993;:215.

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SI - HTA/92901220

- **HTA = Material held by NLM and indexed exclusively for HSTAR.**

AU - Wiederhold R
 TI - Integrated information management system.
 SO - Prehospital Disaster Med. 1992 Apr-Jun;7(2):161-6.

Document Delivery

The majority of the citations in HSTAR can be obtained through normal interlibrary loan channels, e.g., DOCLINE. Procurement Source and Order Numbers are provided for selected material indexed exclusively for HSTAR that may not be widely held by libraries. Any questions concerning the availability of HSTAR material should be directed to the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR) at NLM..

Future Plans

HSTAR is still undergoing development coordinated at NLM through NICHSR. Future plans include the addition of health care related economic, legal, and standards literature. An update to the Macintosh version of Grateful Med will include a HSTAR Input screen and will be available upon request from NICHSR in the summer of 1995. Contact NICHSR at the address below if you would like to receive the update when it becomes available.

NICHSR welcomes your suggestions and comments for ways to improve access to the increasingly important HSR literature.

National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR)
 National Library of Medicine
 8600 Rockville Pike
 Bethesda, MD 20894
 E-mail: nichsr@nlm.nih.gov
 Phone: 301-496-0176 or
 800-272-4787 (Select 1,6,3,2)
 Fax: 301-402-3193 ☐

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Figure 1 - Sample HSTAR Search Limiting Retrieval to Citations from Materials Indexed Exclusively for HSTAR

AVLINE Update

In early 1995, NLM made three significant changes to its audiovisual cataloging policy to maximize use of decreasing staff resources and to make bibliographic records for audiovisuals and computer software available to users more rapidly.

Implementation of NLM Core Level Cataloging for Nonprint Materials

Beginning in March 1995, the Cataloging Section implemented a newly defined "NLM Core" level of cataloging for nonprint materials. This "NLM Core" level is, in essence, an enhanced minimal level cataloging record which provides a core description, including notes specific to audiovisuals and computer software, but restricts the number of access points provided.

NLM plans to provide full level cataloging for all NLM productions and for archival films. Bibliographic records for all other nonprint materials, including computer software, are provided at the newly defined "NLM Core" level of cataloging. In rare instances, cataloging records created at the "NLM Core" level may be upgraded to full level for materials determined to be of historical significance.

"NLM Core" level cataloging follows national guidelines for core level descriptive cataloging standards developed by the National Cooperative Cataloging Council, and is in conformance with all format specific requirements for the first level of description of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules*, 2nd edition, 1988 revision (AACR2r).

Access to variant titles is provided when they are significantly different from the

title on the chief source. All required format-specific notes are provided, as are producer supplied abstracts, when readily available. Name access is limited to the first person or body named in the statement of responsibility, and the first person named in the credits or participants note. Name access points are in conformance with the AACR2r and verified in NLM's internal name authority file. Headings are not contributed to the National Coordinated Cataloging Operations (NACO) program.

Subject analysis and classification are in conformance with NLM's policy for full level cataloging.

In USMARC audiovisual and computer software records distributed by NLM, these "NLM Core" level records are identified as encoding level "7" in leader byte 17.

Change in Form of Procurement Source Names

Beginning in March 1995, NLM discontinued providing authority control for procurement source names cited in bibliographic records for audiovisuals and computer software. The source of acquisition is now supplied in the form found on the piece being cataloged, rather than, as previously, in a standard format based on the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules*, 2nd edition, 1988 revision (AACR2r).

This change is expected to have little effect on users of NLM records for nonprint materials, particularly since the Procurement Source (PC) field remains Text Word (TW) searchable in AVLINE. In USMARC tape products distributed by NLM, NLM bibliographic records for audiovisuals and computer software will continue to contain this type of procurement source information in USMARC field 037 (Source of Acquisition).

Change in NLM's Audiovisual Cataloging-in-Production (CIP) Program

At the end of January 1995, NLM discontinued providing Cataloging-in-Production (CIP) data for audiovisual materials not produced by NLM. [Note: For audiovisuals materials, CIP refers to Cataloging-in-Production, not Cataloging in Publication, because audiovisuals are considered to be produced, not published.]

The Cataloging Section continues to provide CIP data for all NLM productions as a means of announcing these forthcoming titles to the health sciences community. NLM has discontinued providing CIP data for products of other organizations, including those of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Since 1977, NLM had provided CIP data for audiovisual materials at the request of participating producers of health sciences materials. This pre-production cataloging served to announce forthcoming productions to the health science community. In the fourteen years of the program to date, NLM prepared CIP data for just under 900 items, which amounts to approximately 3% of the total AVLINE database. Submissions to the program have declined in recent years from over 100 items in 1989 to just 10 items in 1994. Discontinuing the provision of audiovisual CIP data for non-NLM productions is expected to have little impact on users of NLM bibliographic records.

Note: The NLM Cataloging-in-Production (CIP) program for audiovisuals is independent and unrelated to NLM's participation in the Library of Congress CIP program for print materials. □

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BIOETHICSLINE Update

The BIOETHICSLINE file was regenerated in March 1995. Over 45,000 records concerning ethical and related public policy issues in health care and biomedical research are online in this file as of the 9504 Entry Month (EM).

Searchers should note that the regenerated file incorporates the following:

- Sixteen new or retrospectively changed Keywords (KW)
- Two changes in frequently cited Titles of Journals
- The 1995 MeSH (generated by automatic "maps" from most BIOETHICSLINE Keywords to equivalent, broader, or related MeSH terms)
- A new Secondary Source ID field
- A change in the Author Abstract field

Keyword (KW) Vocabulary Changes

Following is the list of new 1995 BIOETHICSLINE Keywords that became available online in March. Some of them (as indicated) replace previously searchable terms:

allied health personnel

breast cancer

chromosome abnormalities

(changed from "chromosomal disorders")

comparative studies

embryo research

(retrospectively added by search algorithm to many pre-1995 records)

feminist ethics

fetal research

(retrospectively added by search algorithm to many pre-1995 records)

genetic predisposition

genetic research

government financing

(retrospectively added by search algorithm to many pre-1995 records)

health care reform

health insurance reimbursement

late-onset disorders

mandatory testing

(retrospectively added by search algorithm to many pre-1995 records)

persistent vegetative state

(changed from "coma")

physician self-referral

(retrospectively added by search algorithm to many pre-1995 records)

Title of Journal (TJ) Changes

The titles of two major journals were updated as follows:

New Title of Journal: (TJ) BMJ
(BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL)
(formerly *British Medical Journal*)

New Title of Journal: (TJ) JAMA
(formerly *Journal of the American Medical Association*)

New Secondary Source ID (SI) Field

This is a new field created from the existing UI (Unique Identifier) field. The standard prefix of KIE has been given to the UI of all records now in the database. For example:

UI - 12345 generates
SI - KIE/12345

In the future, the SI field will be used to show the source of a record. When records from other ELHILL files become available in BIOETHICSLINE, the SI field will allow the searcher to identify the original source of the record.

Change in the Author Abstract (AA) Field

The only valid value in this field has been changed from KIE to Author. Now, just as in MEDLINE, to restrict your search to only those records containing abstracts, you would enter author (aa) at any USER: prompt or combine your retrieval with author (aa) as shown.

USER: clinical ethics committees and author (aa)

Note that only about 20% of the citations in this file contain abstracts, so restricting your search to citations with abstracts will sharply curtail your retrieval.

Availability of the *Bioethics Thesaurus*, 1995 Edition

The 1995 edition of the *Bioethics Thesaurus* is scheduled to be published in April. It will provide explanatory scope notes and cross-references to broader, narrower, and related terms for nearly all of the 600+ Keyword Descriptors used in indexing and searching BIOETHICSLINE. It will also include an updated "Selected List of 'Major Issue' Keywords" and a full list of Subject Captions that can be used to limit BIOETHICSLINE searches by broad subject area or by type of approach to a subject.

In addition, for the first time, the 1995 *Thesaurus* will incorporate a Permuted Keyword Index to all of its searchable terms. The permuted index is expected to increase the size of the *Thesaurus* from 59 pages in 1994 to approximately 85 pages in 1995.

Copies of the *Bioethics Thesaurus*, 1995 edition may be ordered from the:

National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature
Kennedy Institute of Ethics
Georgetown University
Washington, DC 20057-1065
800-MED-ETHX or 202-687-6738

The price for standard delivery via first-class mail in North America is \$20 per copy; elsewhere, the airmail price is \$25. All orders must be prepaid; checks should be made payable to the Kennedy Institute of Ethics; charges to MasterCard or VISA are also accepted.

The new edition of the *Thesaurus* will also be made available via anonymous ftp from [nlpubs.nlm.nih.gov](ftp://nlpubs.nlm.nih.gov). □

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Author Policy for NLM Indexes and Databases

Current Policy

Since 1984, the National Library of Medicine has limited the number of author names in MEDLINE and *Index Medicus* to ten, with "et al." being the eleventh occurrence in MEDLINE. [Editor's note: In ELHILL files, et al appears without the period as shown in this sentence.] In the *Index Medicus* Author Section, the full citation appears under the name of the first author, and the second through tenth authors are cross-referenced to the first author.

Policies in Previous Years

Index Medicus, 1960 through 1963, contains all author names. The full citation appears under the first author, and co-authors are cross-referenced to the first author. From 1964 through 1977, citations in *Index Medicus* were limited to three authors. The full citation appears under the name of the first author; the second and third authors were cross-referenced to the first. From 1978 through 1983, all (non-transliterated) author names were listed in the Author Section of *Index Medicus*. The full citation was given under the first author, and co-authors' names were cross-referenced to the main entry.

MEDLINE, beginning with citations indexed in 1966, did not limit the number of authors until 1984.

Searchers will find some citations with "et al." in the older MEDLINE backfiles. Although many of these records were input initially with all authors, subsequent citation maintenance has been performed (e.g., correction of a typographical error). Because maintenance of older citations requires the use of contemporary computer programs, the system has stripped supernumerary author names from the record, and substituted "et al." Some of these records with "et al." may have been added at a later date, after a missing issue was received and indexed under the current practice.

Transliterated Names

The exceptions to the current policy were authors whose names must be transliterated from Japanese ideograms or the Cyrillic alphabet. Transliterated author names were limited to five in both *Index Medicus* and the database until 1990; ten are now entered. Chinese ideograms for co-authors are not transliterated if the journal lists only a single transliterated name in the table of contents.

Order of Authors' Names

MEDLINE and *Index Medicus* do not attempt to identify a "principal" author, such as the head of the laboratory where

the research was conducted, or the senior member of the research team. Author names are entered in the order in which they are printed in the "author position" of the article; that is, in the space between the article title and the text, or above the title.

Corporate, Group or Multiple Authorship

Although MEDLINE has no special data field for corporate authors, the names of organizations, committees, or collaborative study groups are added at the end of the title field, and are retrievable by Title Field Text Word (TF) searching. No attempt is made to perform authority work for corporate authors; the names are entered as they appear in the author position.

Multiple authorship, and thus the number of "et al." citations in MEDLINE, has been on the increase. (See the article titled Author! Author! on page 14 of the January 1988 *Technical Bulletin* for another look at this subject.) For an interesting current perspective on the magnitude and implications of the situation, see the following editorial:

Rennie D, Flanagan A. Authorship! Authorship! Guests, ghosts, grafters, and the two-sided coin. *JAMA* 1994 Feb 9;271(6):469-71. □

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Identification of Clinical Trials in MEDLARS Citations

NLM is committed to improving access to information related to clinical trials in the MEDLARS databases. Toward that effort, beginning with the 1995 system:

- Prospectively, NLM indexers are continuing to give increased attention to the identification of clinical trials in the journal literature through their assignment of specific Publication Type (PT) values. A new PT value of CONTROLLED CLINICAL TRIAL was added for 1995, to identify quasi-randomized trials (see page I-20 of the 1995 *Annotated MeSH* for a complete definition). Truly randomized trials continue to be indexed with RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL.

- Retrospectively, NLM added the previously mentioned two PT values to MEDLARS citations involving randomized or quasi-randomized controlled trials. NLM was significantly assisted in this work by the Baltimore Cochrane Center based at the University of Maryland, who both brought attention to this issue, and coordinates the ongoing effort of various Cochrane Centers collaborating to identify citations to be enhanced.

As part of the annual (Year-End Processing) database maintenance effort for the 1995 MEDLARS system, PT values of RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL or CONTROLLED CLINICAL TRIAL were added to citations identified in MEDLINE, MED90, and MED85. These citations also received the "parent" PT value of CLINICAL TRIAL.

More than 15,000 MEDLINE and MEDLINE Backfile citations were enhanced with clinical trials PT values; over 2,000 in MEDLINE; over 3,000 in MED90, and over 10,000 in MED85.

Over 5,000 MEDLINE-derived citations in other MEDLARS files, such as AIDSLINE, CANCERLIT, and HEALTH, were also updated, enhancing the retrieval of clinical trials data in these databases.

This retrospective effort is ongoing. The Baltimore Cochrane Center will identify more citations that will be maintained during Year-End Processing for the 1996 MEDLARS system. □

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A Review of \$DSFILE Command: ftp of Online Search Results

In the March-April 1994 *Technical Bulletin*, the National Library of Medicine announced the availability of a new VTAM (Virtual Telecommunications Access Method) command for ELHILL searchers: \$DSFILE. This article is an overview of the command and its function. You may refer to the original article for further details.

The \$DSFILE command allows users to store information obtained from ELHILL on NLM's mainframe computer, then download the file to their local computer using file transfer protocol (ftp) via the Internet. We thought it was time to review this feature because many users may have obtained Internet access in the last year. This feature is especially useful for users who might otherwise frequently use offline prints and/or users with large retrieval sets.

Command Overview

Typing a \$DSFILE command instructs the NLM computer to redirect the output of the next command as a file to the MEDLARS ftp server rather than displaying the output on the screen. What you will see on the screen instead is the last few lines of the output as well as a message telling you the name of your file and its directory location. The files you will create with \$DSFILE are ASCII text files.

Time Period for Retrieving Files and Notification

Once you have created a file for ftp, the file remains on the MEDLARS ftp server for five business days. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are not included as "business days." A message indicating

that you have online files available to ftp will appear when you login to ELHILL whenever there are files associated with your User ID code on the MEDLARS ftp server. This message will appear each time you login until you remove the file from the server or until five business days have elapsed and the file is automatically purged.

Creating the File

You create the file while you are logged into ELHILL (see Figure 1). Begin by searching and creating a retrieval set. To

send the output to the MEDLARS ftp server issue the \$DSFILE command at the next USER: prompt. The system acknowledges the command by responding with another USER: prompt.

Next, enter the print command. Because you already issued a \$DSFILE command, the system will send all print results to the MEDLARS ftp server. The system will confirm that your online print file has been completed by displaying the last record (or last few records) along with a message telling you where the file is located. You are ready to proceed when you have another USER: prompt.

```
PLEASE ENTER LOGIN SELECTION

b

PLEASE ENTER USERID/PASSWORD
abc44/parsley$$$$$$

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE'S ELHILL SYSTEM.
YOU ARE NOW CONNECTED TO THE MEDLINE (1992 - 95) FILE.

SS 1 /C?
USER:
achilles tendon

PROG:
SS (1) PSTG (246)

SS 2 /C?
USER:
$dsfile

USER:

prt ar
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- **b is the menu choice that connects you to MEDLINE.**
- **Log into ELHILL using your MEDLINE User ID code and password.**
- **Type in your search and create a retrieval set. You are now ready to create your ftp file. You may only print up to 1,165 citations per print statement.**
- **Issue the \$DSFILE command to send the output as an ASCII text file to the MEDLARS ftp server.**
- **The system responds to this command with another USER: prompt.**
- **Enter your print command.**

Figure 1 - Using the \$DSFILE Command to Create an Online File for ftp

between the control and nonweight-bearing rats. Bone weight and bone dimensions did not differ in the three groups. In the nonweight-bearing group, the maximum bending moment and bending rigidity were higher in the nonoperated on limb, as well as the outer and inner bone dimensions and the area moment of inertia. Our results indicate that exercise improves the mechanical characteristics of bone.

SO - Acta Orthop Scand 1992 Feb;63(1):70-3

SS 2 /C?
Your data is in DSPRINT.ABC44.DS06705

USER:
stop y

- **The computer responds by:**
 - a. showing you the last few lines of your retrieval, and
 - b. telling you the location of your file on the MEDLARS ftp server.
- You can logoff ELHILL once you are done searching. You are now ready to ftp your file.

Figure 1 - Using the \$DSFILE Command to Create an Online File for ftp cont.

Your file, DS06705 from Figure 1, is now on the MEDLARS ftp server in the DSPRINT.ABC44 directory. ABC44 is the User ID code used for this example. You would actually see your own User ID code here. The file names are cryptic, in this case DS06705, indicating only that the contents were generated from a \$DSFILE command combined with a

print request. This is an online print file (indicated by the leading DS, which stands for Data Set). The numbers 06705 represent a job number generated by the computer. Together these make up the DSID number. These numbers will change for every file you create. You are now ready to look at your results and/or ftp your file.

Downloading Your Files

The online print files are located on the MEDLARS ftp server. To access these files, you need to know the PDQ password or DOCLINE password associated with the User ID code used to create the file. See Figure 2 for instructions to ftp your files.

Step	Explanation/Comments
ftp medlars.nlm.nih.gov	Connect to the MEDLARS ftp server.
login: [User ID code] e.g., ABC44	Depending on your ftp software, you may have a different prompt such as "logon" or "user." In some cases you will not have any prompt; you just have to know to type the appropriate word. The User ID code keyed in must be the same User ID code under which you issued the \$DSFILE command. Check with your system administrator if you are having problems.
password: [your password] e.g., PDQA	Remember, this is either your PDQ password OR your DOCLINE password NOT your ELHILL password.
cd ['dsprint.userid'] e.g., cd 'dsprint.abc44'	Substitute your User ID code for userid. This will place you in the correct directory where your files are located. YOU MUST INCLUDE THE SINGLE QUOTES!!
dir	This will provide a listing of your files available for ftp. Remember, online print files all start with DS.
get [filename] get ds06705	Many systems will prompt you for a destination filename at your end as well. If so, specify the entire filename including the drive and path (for example, c:\results\DS06705). Check with your system administrator if you are having problems.
	Note: If you have more than one file to download you can substitute the mget command for the individual "get filename" command exactly as shown below: mget *
bye	To exit from the ftp session.

Figure 2 - Downloading (ftp) Your Online Print File

Purging Your Online File

When you have completed downloading your online print file to your local computer, you should delete the file from the MEDLARS ftp server. The system is set up to delete online print files automatically after five business days.

However, these files consume NLM system resources and could be confused with subsequently produced output and thus the files should be deleted as soon as they are no longer needed. There is no character charge associated with the use

of the \$DSPURGE command, however you will be charged for online time. To purge your online print file you will need to login to ELHILL. The interaction is shown in Figure 3.

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PLEASE ENTER LOGIN SELECTION
b

PLEASE ENTER USERID/PASSWORD
abc44/parsley$$$$$$

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE'S ELHILL SYSTEM.
YOU ARE NOW CONNECTED TO THE MEDLINE (1992-1995) FILE.

SS1/C?
USER:
$dslist

          DSID          -----Dataset-Name-----          Lines   Chars   -----Created-----
          6705          DSPRINT.ABC44.DS06705          6723   318780   03/02/95-14:44:06

USER:
$dspurge 6705

DSPRINT.ABC44.DS06705 - Purged

is

USER:
stop y
    
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- Log into ELHILL using your MEDLINE User ID code and password.
- Type \$DSLST to see a directory of files available to you for ftp.
- Type \$DSPURGE followed by the DSID number.
- The computer responds by stating that the file has been purged. The purging of the file immediate; it cannot be restored.

Figure 3 - Purging Your Online File

Costs

The charge to ftp online search results from ELHILL is based on the regular online billing algorithm; there are no additional charges on the ELHILL side of this procedure and no cost to login to the MEDLARS ftp server via the Internet

to capture the data subsequently to your computer.

Conclusion

\$DSFILE provides Internet users with an additional avenue for obtaining information in a more timely manner.

Remember that this article is a review of the original article published in the March-April 1994 issue of the *Technical Bulletin*, pages 13-17. For a full description and detailed instructions please refer to that article. □

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NLM's Implementation of USMARC Bibliographic Format Integration

In NLM's internal Technical Services System (TESS), the format of the bibliographic records used in online cataloging is MARC-based to better support the input and output of USMARC-formatted data. The ELHILL files, CATLINE and AVLINE, are updated weekly from TESS by means of conversion programming that maps the TESS/MARC format into ELHILL record format. Because the internal TESS bibliographic file is MARC-based, most of the changes required by format integration must be made to the records in the TESS database rather than implemented at the time of conversion to USMARC tape output. The CATLINE and AVLINE files, accessed through Locator or as independent ELHILL files, are not affected by any of the field, subfield or indicator changes occurring in format integration; however, data not previously converted to the ELHILL records may begin to appear in occurrences of the General Notes (GN) field.

Format Integration, Phase 1

NLM, along with most other USMARC data providers, is implementing the bibliographic format integration changes in two phases. The first phase involves changes to the variable length fields 010-00X. NLM will complete the necessary modifications for Phase 1 as outlined in *USMARC Format for Bibliographic Data*, 1994 edition, by the end of April 1995 and plans to distribute records conforming to those changes to tape licensees no later than May 1995. These records should appear in the bibliographic utilities that license NLM data shortly thereafter according to vendor-established schedules.

One result of combining similar fields and expanding their application to all formats was to make certain fields, subfields and indicators obsolete. NLM is converting all obsolete USMARC values to current ones, with the understanding that in some cases these conversions will not be completely accurate. For example, NLM will update the indicators on all existing occurrences of field 246 - Varying Form of Title, and convert all of the existing occurrences of 740 - Added Entry, Uncontrolled Related/Analytical Title to field 246. This conversion will be correct for most of NLM's title-added entries that are variant titles. The few analytic titles that are moved to the newly defined 246 will be corrected as time permits. This will not affect the conversion or display of variant titles and analytical titles in CATLINE and AVLINE where they all appear as additional occurrences of the Title (TI) field.

Cataloging Policy Issues

Users of NLM bibliographic data will not encounter significant changes to the intellectual content of NLM cataloging records due to format integration. The changes due to format integration primarily affect the **content designation and structure** of NLM data as distributed in the USMARC tape products and do not reflect any substantive change in NLM cataloging policies for the creation of full or limited level bibliographic records. As appropriate to the item being cataloged, users may note some or all of the following:

- NLM will use the USMARC 246 field for varying forms of title and will use the 740 field prospectively, as appropriate, to provide access to analytic titles. As noted above, these added titles will appear as multiple occurrences of the Title (TI) field in ELHILL.
- NLM will include certain USMARC fields for numbers, e.g., field 024 - Other Standard Identifier, 028 - Publisher Number, when available and appropriate to the item being cataloged. Such

numbers, when provided, will appear in the General Notes (GN) field in the ELHILL files.

- NLM will implement the use of the enhanced content designation for the field 505 - Formatted Contents Note, only for historical works published before 1914. For the cataloging of modern materials, NLM will continue to use a single occurrence of subfield "a" when recording contents information. There will be no change in the appearance of contents data in the ELHILL files.

- Certain USMARC fields which NLM previously used only for bibliographic records in the serials format, notably the linking entries 76X-785, may now appear on any record where appropriate. As examples, the linking fields may now appear on a record for an audiovisual serial or a media specific note field, such as the 538 - System Details Note, may appear on a record for a print monograph when necessary to describe the system requirements of any accompanying software. In the ELHILL files, these data continue to appear in the General Notes (GN) field.

- As appropriate to the item being cataloged, NLM will also begin to use the following specific USMARC fields noted as follows:

247 - Former Title or Title Variations

This field will be used by NLM in rare cases specifically for Pre-AACR2 cataloging of serials, when one cataloging record represents all titles associated with an entity. In ELHILL, when present, the data will appear either as an occurrence of the Title (TI) field or in the General Notes (GN) field, depending on whether or not an added entry for the title is desired. (NLM is not currently preparing any records conforming to Pre-AACR2 rules.)

536 - Funding Information Note

This note will be supplied in those cases where an item contains a prominent statement indicating that the work was

supported by government funding (especially that of NLM, or other NIH agencies). When present, the data will appear in the General Notes (GN) field in CATLINE and AVLINE.

545 - Biographical or Historical Note

This note will be supplied, in certain instances, for historical materials published before 1914. The data, when present, will appear in the General Notes (GN) field in ELHILL.

547 - Former Title Complexity Note

Used rarely for pre-AACR2 cataloging of serials, NLM will use this USMARC field to content designate complex relationships appropriately between varying titles, not easily expressed by the existing values in USMARC field 247 - Former Title or Title Variations. In ELHILL, the data will appear in the General Notes (GN) field. (Note: NLM is not currently preparing any records conforming to Pre-AACR2 rules.)

556 - Information about Documentation Note

NLM will use this USMARC field in rare cases to describe accompanying documentation fully (e.g., the technical documentation which accompanies a computer software program). The data will appear in the General Notes (GN) field in ELHILL.

561 - Provenance Note

NLM will specifically code this USMARC field for historical works published before 1914 and for archival films. When available, the data will appear in the General Notes (GN) field in ELHILL.

565 - Case File Characteristics

NLM will code this USMARC field to provide information about the content and characteristics of case files, particularly for computer software and specifically for raw data files. When present, the data will appear in the General Notes (GN) field in ELHILL. (Note: NLM is not currently providing bibliographic control of this type of material, but may do so in the future).

586 - Awards

In rare cases and, primarily for audiovisual materials, NLM will specifically code this USMARC field to indicate awards associated with the described item. The data, when present, will appear in the General Notes (GN) field in ELHILL.

755 - Added Entry Physical Characteristics

This note will be used rarely for historical works, published before 1914, cataloged by the History of Medicine Division. In

ELHILL, these data will appear in the General Notes (GN) field.

856 - Electronic Location and Access

The data for this field will be supplied on records for electronic serials available from remote locations.

Format Integration, Phase 2

The implementation of Phase 2 of format integration, which affects the fixed fields below USMARC 010, is planned for the end of 1995. In conjunction with the use of the USMARC 006 field for Additional Material Characteristics, NLM will distribute nonprint serials to the licensees of AVLINE/MARC data. These records are currently not included in the MARC distribution of either CATLINE or AVLINE.

Technical questions related to NLM's implementation of USMARC bibliographic format integration should be directed to the Head, Systems Unit, Cataloging Section, Technical Services Division (301-496-5497); questions regarding NLM's cataloging policy should be addressed to the Head, Cataloging Section, Technical Services Division (301-496-5497). Alternatively, all queries may be forwarded via e-mail to tsd@nlm.nih.gov. □

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Grateful Med Update

The most recent Grateful Med updates-- IBM PC Version 6.6 and Macintosh Version 2.2--were released with a "bug" in their respective MeSH Tree files. The MeSH Tree file contains the more specific terms for a selected MeSH heading. Only the onscreen display for these terms was affected. You can still select (use F10 with or without selecting 'Plus specific terms') and search with any of the above terms without any problems.

In Version 6.6 only the 3-1/2" disks are affected. The 5-1/4" disks are correct. If you would like to receive replacement tree files please call the Grateful Med distributor, NTIS, at 800-423-9255. There is no charge for the replacement disks. Please use one of the order numbers that follow when requesting replacement disks:

DOS Tree Disk: PB95-502662

Mac Tree Disk: PB95-502670

You may also ftp the files from gmedserv.nlm.nih.gov. They are located in the grateful/pc/fixes or grateful/mac/fixes directories.

The specifics of this problem are described in the two columns to the right.

NAD+... in the MeSH Tree File

There are two occurrences of "NAD+ ..." in the MeSH Tree file:

"NAD+ Nucleosidase" underneath the broader term "Nucleosidases"

and

"NAD+ ADP-Ribosyltransferase" underneath the broader term "Pentosyltransferases"

In both the IBM and Macintosh versions the NAD+ term display is garbled.

Macintosh Version 2.2 Tree Display for NAD+...

If you open up 'Nucleosidases' or 'Pentosyltransferases' in Grateful Med 2.2 for the Macintosh, the more specific terms for either of these terms are incorrect from NAD+ onwards.

IBM PC Version 6.6 Tree Display

The problem manifests itself differently in Grateful Med IBM PC Version 6.6 (update version). In this case, the F5 "more specific term display" is incorrect for all of the following terms:

Nucleosidases +
Nucleoside Deaminases +
Nucleoside Diphosphate Sugars +
Nucleosides +

Nucleotidases +
Nucleotide Deaminases +
Nucleotide Mapping +
Nucleotides +
Nucleotides, Cyclic +
Nucleotidyltransferases +
Nurseries +
Nurses +
Nurses' Aides +
Nursing + [the field or occupation;
consider Nursing (sh)]
Nursing Assessment +
Nursing Care +

Pentosyltransferases +
Peptic Ulcer +
Peptide Elongation Factors +
Peptide Hydrolases +
Peptide Initiation Factors +
Peptide Mapping +
Peptide Peptidohydrolases +
Peptide Synthesis + [automatic +; always
includes more specific syntheses]
Peptide Synthetases +
Peptides +
Peptides, Cyclic +
Peptococcaceae +
Perception +
Perceptual Disorders +
Perciformes +
Perfusion +
Periapical Diseases +
Periapical Periodontitis +
Pericarditis +
Periodicity +
Periodontal Cyst +
Periodontal Diseases +

The problem also exists if you select F5 from a term that is a cross-reference to one of the above terms. □

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Gold Standard Search

Thank you to everyone who mailed in search strategies in response to the "Gold Standard Search" article in the November-December 1994 issue of the *Technical Bulletin*. This feature offers searchers a chance to match wits with the NLM staff on a search strategy formulation. The Gold Standard search strategies are developed here at NLM. The search request published in the November-December 1994 issue was:

The user is giving a presentation on "unnecessary" cesarean sections and would like material to review on this subject, going back no further than 1992.

The Winner

There was one winner! Our congratulations go to Leslie C. Hassett at Del E. Webb Memorial Library at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California who ran her search in the Health Services/Technology Assessment Research (HSTAR) database using the ELHILL command language. An honorable mention goes to Linda Oddas of Waukesha Memorial Hospital in Waukesha, Wisconsin for her search strategy also run in HSTAR.

Analysis of the Search Strategies

The Gold Standard Search retrieved 60 citations in HSTAR; see Figure 1. Ms. Hassett's strategy, shown in Figure 2, retrieved 52 citations. The difference between the two strategies is primarily in the number of MeSH headings used. Relevant MeSH headings are often suggested by careful examination of the MeSH headings in the citations retrieved under your initial strategy. In this case combining CESAREAN SECTION with unnecessary (TF) would retrieve citations that show many of the MeSH headings

used in the Gold Standard search. The Gold Standard search also took advantage of the new proximity feature ADJACENCY to search for "unnecessary ADJcesarean" to retrieve some additional citations. Notice that this combination does not replace a well constructed Boolean search (it retrieves less than a dozen records) but it does add some relevant citations.

Choosing a File

The topic of the search, although it didn't explicitly state "evaluation of a surgical procedure" had that meaning embedded in its core. And HSTAR is the database of choice for evaluating a medical procedure or technology. See the article on pages 13-14 of this issue for a more complete description of HSTAR. The retrieval obtained in this file includes citations from MEDLINE and HEALTH, as well as citations from unique materials indexed for this file.

Search Strategy Suggestions

The problem in searching this subject was to narrow the retrieval. Searching on the EXPLODED MeSH heading CESAREAN SECTION with the subheadings /utilization (UT), /statistics & numerical data (SN) and /trends (TD) retrieved over 100 citations. And many of these citations dealt with just the medical aspects of this procedure. So the concepts of quality of care and evaluation of the procedure need to be added both to narrow the retrieval and to ensure a higher degree of relevance in the retrieved citations.

The Next Gold Standard Search

The search question is:

The user has asked for citations from 1994 forward on the concept of critical pathways and how critical pathways affect patient care.

Results will be published in the July-August 1995 *Technical Bulletin*. Entries must be received by June 20, 1995 to be considered.

Mail us a copy of your search strategy and include a printout of citations and abstracts. If your strategy is selected for publication you could win either a copy of Grateful Med or one hour of free search time. In cases of multiple submissions of identical winning strategies, the prize winner will be either the person who is a first time winner or the first winning strategy received.

Search Hints for Direct Searchers

Select your database carefully. Limit your retrieval to English-language citations.

Search Hints for Grateful Med Users

Select your database carefully. Remember to use the F10 key to look at MeSH headings. Users with the Macintosh version of Grateful Med should view MeSH headings by clicking on Find MeSH Term on the search screen. Limit your retrieval to English.

Reminder

There are no exact answers or absolutely correct strategies, only best approximations, just like real life. Good luck!

Please send a copy of your search strategy with the retrieval, including printed abstracts, which database was searched and whether you searched directly or used Grateful Med to:

Gold Standard Search
MEDLARS Management Section
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894 ☐

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SS 1 /C?

USER:
file hstar

PROG:

YOU ARE NOW CONNECTED TO THE HSTAR (HEALTH SERVICES/TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT) FILE.

SS 1 /C?

USER:
subs apply ut, sn, td

PROG:

SUBHEADINGS ACCEPTED.

SS 1 /C?

USER:
exp *cesarean section

PROG:

SS (1) PSTG (412)

SS 2 /C?

USER:
subs cancel

PROG:

SUBHEADINGS CANCELLED

SS 2 /C?

USER:
health services misuse or knowledge, attitudes, practice or

- **These MHs were found by examining the MHs in citations retrieved by combining unnecessary (tf) with CESAREAN SECTION (mh).**

PROG:

CNT 2

USER:

health services research or *physician's practice patterns or risk factors

PROG:

SS (2) PSTG (88860)

SS 3 /C?

USER:
*pregnancy outcome or practice guidelines or malpractice

PROG:

SS (3) PSTG (11305)

SS 4 /C?

USER:
exp quality assurance, health care or outcome assessment (health care)

PROG:

SS (4) PSTG (31178)

SS 5 /C?

USER:
1 and 2 or 1 and 3 or 1 and 4

- **Because of the large number of postings in SS2 and SS4, to avoid a STORPSTG overflow they were not ORed together with SS3. Instead each of them is ANDed with SS1 first, before being ORed together.**

PROG:

SS (5) PSTG (114)

Figure 1 - Gold Standard Search

SS 6 /C?

USER:

exp *cesarean section and *vaginal birth after cesarean

PROG:

SS (6) PSTG (29)

SS 7 /C?

USER:

unnecessary adj cesarean

PROG:

SS (7) PSTG (10)

- Seven out of these ten citations are not retrieved with the MeSH headings used in this search.

SS 8 /C?

USER:

5 or 6 or 7

PROG:

SS (8) PSTG (146)

SS 9 /C?

USER:

8 and 95 (yr) or 8 and 94 (yr) or 8 and 93 (yr) or 8 and 92 (yr)

PROG:

SS (9) PSTG (74)

SS 10 /C?

USER:

9 and not for (la)

PROG:

SS (10) PSTG (63)

SS 11/C?

USER:

prt -3,4,63 si, ti, so

- The first two citations are available only in HSTAR. The third citation is one of a few that comes from file HEALTH and would have been missed had this strategy been run in MEDLINE.

PROG:

3

SI - HTM/94911145

TI - Surgical procedure rates with numerators from hospital data and denominators from several different at risk populations.

SO- In: Toward the year 2000: refining the measures: proceedings of the 1993 Public Health Conference on Records and Statistics, July 19-21, 1993, Washington, DC. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics, 1994. :269-74.

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SI - HTX/94910992

TI - Continuous quality improvement initiatives and the cesarean birth rate [abstract]

SO- AHSR FHSR Annu Meet Abstr Book. 1994;:83-4.

63

SI - AHA/93242473

TI - A discussion of medical malpractice and cesarean section.

SO- Spec Law Dig Health Care Law. 1993 Apr;(170):9-30.

Figure 1 - Gold Standard Search cont.

SS 1 /C?
 USER:
 file hstar

PROG:
 YOU ARE NOW CONNECTED TO THE HSTAR (HEALTH SERVICES/TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT) FILE.

SS 1 /C?
 USER:
 health services misuse or unnecessary (tw)

PROG:
 SS (1) PSTG (4207)

SS 2 /C?
 USER:
 exp cesarean section

PROG:
 SS (2) PSTG (3785)

SS 3 /C?
 USER:
 1 and 2

PROG:
 SS (3) PSTG (40)

SS 4 /C?
 USER:
 subs apply ct, st, ut, sn

PROG:
 SUBHEADINGS ACCEPTED.

SS 4 /C?
 USER:
 exp cesarean section

PROG:
 SS (4) PSTG (723)

Figure 2 - Leslie C. Hassett's Search Strategy

SS 5 /C?
 USER:
 subs cancel

PROG:
 SUBHEADINGS CANCELLED.

SS 5 /C?
 USER:
 trial of labor or exp quality assurance, health care

PROG:
 SS (5) PSTG (29217)

SS 6 /C?
 USER:
 4 and 5

PROG:
 SS (6) PSTG (78)

SS 7 /C?
 USER:
 3 or 6

PROG:
 SS (7) PSTG (115)

SS 8 /C?
 USER:
 7 and 92 (yr) or 7 and 93 (yr) or 7 and 94 (yr) or 7 and 95 (yr)

PROG:
 SS (8) PSTG (61)

SS 9 /C?
 USER:
 ts (la) eng

PROG:
 SS (9) PSTG (52)

Figure 2 - Leslie C. Hassett's Search Strategy cont.

SERIALS UPDATE

INDEXED TITLES UPDATED, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1995

The following titles cited in MEDLINE, HEALTH, and HSTAR have recently been selected for indexing, undergone a title change, or ceased publication. This list is not cumulative; the information provided is only for titles whose status has changed since the last UPDATE. More detailed information may be found in SERLINE. For further information,

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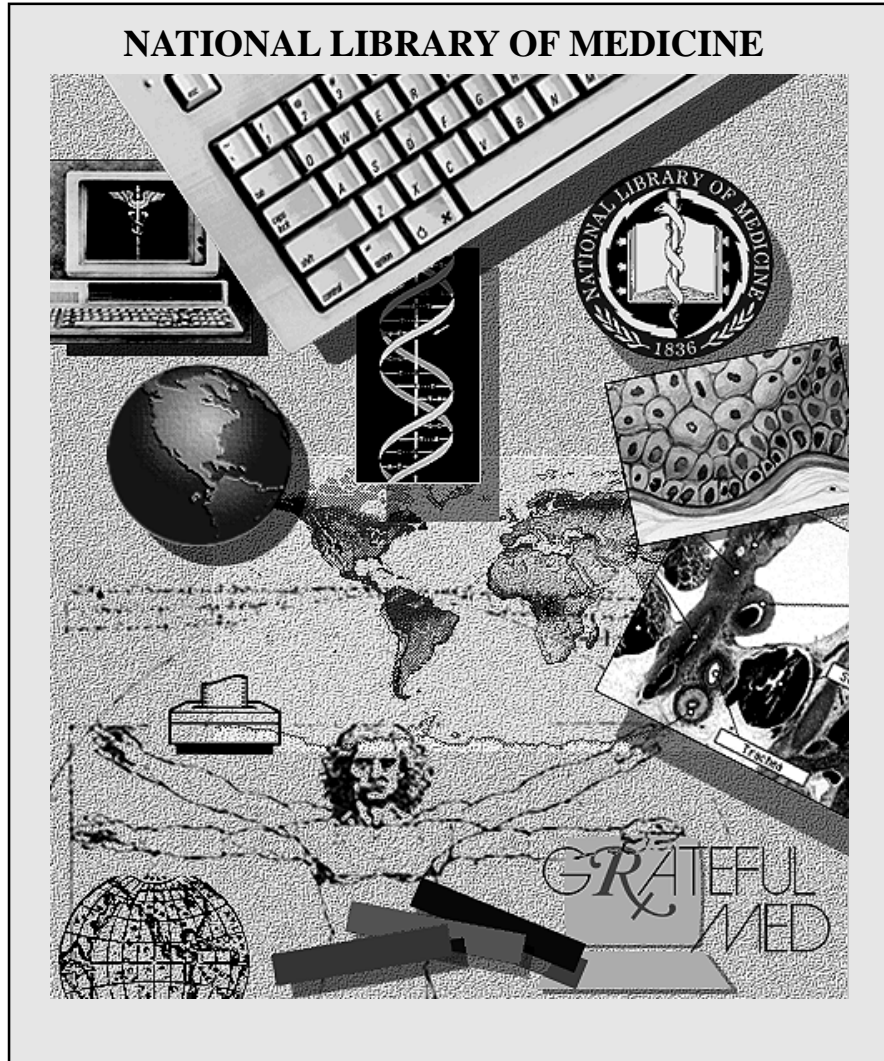
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