

News from SCGH Library

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Surgical Innovation

The Lancet theme issue for 26 Sep – 2 Oct 2009 looks at surgical research and innovation. Its editorial argues that surgeons are continually developing their techniques; open registration of new procedures would encourage reliable evaluation and collection of valid outcome data. Other papers in this issue cover surgical surveillance metrics, evaluation challenges, the IDEAL framework, as well as research examples such as the trial of drains vs. no drains following treatment of chronic subdural haematoma.

Full text of these articles is found online via the [Journals A-Z](#) on the Library web page.

PubMed Re-design

The PubMed database is set to have a new, less cluttered search screen. The new design uses screen space better by removing the left-hand menu, and providing search choices directly from the front page, while the Advanced Search page neatly shows the search history and options to limit your search. Preview the new design at <http://preview.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>.

Email Alerts

Are you using an evidence summary product to keep yourself updated? Resources such as Clinical Evidence, DynaMed, and ACP PIER each have an email alert button: this allows you to sign up for regular email alerts. For example, Clinical Evidence recently added a summary on improving adherence for long-term CVD medications, while PIER has more than 20 topic updates in its **What's New** list. Please ask if you'd like help with this.

The 6S Model of Evidence Sources

DiCenso and Haynes last month unveiled a revised version of the 5S model for pre-appraised evidence sources. Writing in *ACP Journal Club* 15 September issue, they describe the now-6 types of sources in the evidence hierarchy. The short article includes a discussion on how to plan a systematic search. Please contact the Library if you'd like a copy of this article.

Attention EndNote Users

EndNote X3 (Thirteen) will be available for WA Health users within 30 days. The main extra in this version is a tool for group collaboration. We'll advise existing users when the changeover is scheduled.

Do We Have Your Current Email ?

All the WA Health Libraries will soon be able to email notices to library users, instead of print notes sent by mail. We'd appreciate your help – tell us your current email address, so that you can promptly receive library advice about holds, recalls and overdue items. If you prefer printouts, please also advise us.

Marketing The Medical Librarian

“What exactly do you do? A clinician's guide to the medical librarian” by staff at the Health Sciences Libraries at New York University. We thought this article was worth sharing: it highlights many of the newer librarian roles in healthcare, such as participating during ward rounds, teaching use of citation software, or serving on the ethics committee. The final word: “If you ever find yourself in need of reliable information support, you can always Ask-A-Librarian!” The full item is available at www.clinicalcorrelations.org/?p=1869.