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# The Baylor Health Sciences Library

## *Digest*

CONNECTING YOU  
TO THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES YOU NEED

## ***Happy New Year and welcome back!***

Welcome to a new year of *The Baylor Health Sciences Digest*! We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing holiday.

We have a few resources to share with you in this issue, including a site called EthnoMed and a journal named Disease-a-Month. This issue also sees the beginning of our series on how to do better, more effective PubMed searches.

Enjoy!



The Baylor Health Sciences Library would like to invite you to join BiblioChat, our new book club! BiblioChat meetings are open to all BCD/BUMC faculty, staff and students.

The second book club meeting will be held on March 20th, from noon to one. Bring your lunch and discuss, *How Doctors Think* by Jerome Groopman, M.D. In this non-fiction work, Dr. Groopman considers patient-doctor communication and all the things that can -- and, unfortunately do -- go wrong.

Contact [Shae Martinez](mailto:smartinez@bcd.tamhsc.edu) at smartinez@bcd.tamhsc.edu, or call the Library Circulation desk at 214-820-7709 (medical) or 214-828-8184 (dental) to RSVP or for more information.

# Featured Journal: *Disease-a-Month*

Disease-a-Month has been publishing peer-reviewed articles on a wide range of medical topics for over 50 years. Topics covered in past issues of Disease-a-Month range from common ailments to more rare conditions and have included sleep apnea, smoking cessation, mitral valve prolapse, and Myasthenia gravis.

The journal's scope manages to be both focused *and* broad thanks to the basic aim of the publication: to thoroughly explore a different medical topic (disease) in each issue.

## Sources:

[www.elsevier.com](http://www.elsevier.com)

[www.diseaseamonth.com](http://www.diseaseamonth.com)

[www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com)

[www.lib.berkeley.edu](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu)



Thumbnails of the first issue (vol. 1, issue 1, 1955 – left) and a recent issue (vol. 57, issue 8, 2011 – right). Taken from [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com). Copyright © 2011 Mosby, Inc. All rights reserved

## QUICK FACTS AND BHSL HOLDINGS INFO:

### *Disease-a-Month*

**Primary target audience:** Primary care physicians

**Peer-reviewed?** Yes

**Impact factor:** 1.6

**Issues per year:** 12

**Print holdings:** 1980-2004 (3 missing issues)

**Electronic holdings:** 1955-present

## Cool Website:



Jointly maintained by the University of Washington Health Sciences Libraries and Harborview Medical Center's Interpreter Services Department/Community House Calls Program, EthnoMed provides cultural information intended to help healthcare providers serving an ethnically diverse population. Visitors to the website can look up materials based on cultures (including Hispanic, Arab, and Samoan) or clinical topics (like mental health, diabetes, and cancer) from EthnoMed's home page menu. Additionally, EthnoMed provides patient education materials in 10 languages, as well as bibliographies of – and links to – other resources of interest to those in need of culturally sensitive medical and health-related information.

For more information on this resource, visit [www.ethnomed.org](http://www.ethnomed.org).

## Sources:

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## PUBMED – PART I

### OFF-CAMPUS ACCESS NOTE FOR BAYLOR HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY USERS:

We suggest that you *always* access PubMed through the Library's web site when you are off-campus. BCD Users: go to the [Library web site](#) and log in through the [BCD proxy](#) before accessing this resource ; [click here](#) for more information. Hospital users: [click here](#) for more information on off-campus access to this and other Library resources.

#### *Introduction to PubMed and access in the Baylor Health Sciences Library*

*In this first installment of our series on PubMed, we'd like to present to you a little background on this very important medical database. Italicized words are defined in the yellow box to the right-hand side of the page.*

The **PubMed database** is a free, online resource provided by the U.S. National Library of Medicine. This means that the database can be accessed and searched by anyone, from any computer with an Internet connection. The database supplies references for over 21 million articles with medical (and related) topics – some of the articles are even available for free (look for references labeled with either of the following): **Free Article**

**Free PMC Article**

**Some important features of PubMed** include spell checking and advanced search options. In addition to the option of performing *keyword searches* (arguably everyone's favorite!), PubMed also allows you to create more focused searches using terms from their *controlled vocabulary* – these terms are known as MeSH terms (more on that in a later installment of this series!). PubMed also allows you to create an NCBI account; an NCBI account allows you to store citations, save PubMed searches, and receive automatic updates for saved searches (again, more on those features in future installments of this series!) – this can be very useful for things like research papers and group projects. From inside the PubMed database, full text electronic articles available through the Library can be accessed by clicking either of the following links from the citation page of any article reference (the citation page for any given reference is the page where you see the abstract (when available) for that article; the citation page can be accessed by clicking on the title of an article reference): **LinkOut - more resources**



**NOTE:** "LinkOut — more resources" should always be visible below the abstract for a reference; whether or not you see the "LOOK HERE Baylor Health Sciences Library" button may depend on your location when you are viewing the reference.

*This concludes this portion of our series on PubMed. Watch out for the next installment of our PubMed series. Topics to be discussed include searching with MeSH terms and creating NCBI accounts.*

*If you are interested in scheduling a one-on-one or group session on PubMed, you may fill out a request form on the [Library Classes](#) page of our web site.*

### DEFINITIONS

**Keyword searches:** "A Keyword search looks for words anywhere in the record (i.e. article reference, including abstract). Keyword searches are a good substitute for a subject search when you do not know the authorized subject heading form. ""\*

**Controlled vocabulary:** A controlled vocabulary makes a database easier to search by giving someone who is searching on a subject *one* word to describe the subject or concept which they can then use to search for information on the subject. "Since we have many different ways of describing concepts, drawing all of these terms together under a single word or phrase in a database makes searching the database more efficient....Once you do find the correct term, most of the information you need is grouped together in one place, saving you the time of having to search under all of the other synonyms for that term."\*\*

#### Resources:

\* [Columbia University Libraries — Keyword Search](#) (web page)

\*\* [Controlled Vocabulary](#) (web page)

*This article was adapted from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine's Revised: August 2011 edition of the pamphlet [PubMed BASICS](#), with additional information taken from <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>.*

# FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE LIBRARY

We appreciate and value our Library patrons, and do our best to ensure that the Library meets all your educational needs while providing a comfortable environment. In keeping with that vision, we have allocated certain areas of the Library for speaking on cell phones, group study, and eating food. Please pay attention to Library signs, and kindly refrain from speaking or eating in the Quiet Room. We also ask that you please refrain from taking food into the journal stacks.

Sincerely,  
BHSL Staff

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## **Baylor College of Dentistry now offers Anatomy.tv - All Dentistry!**

Anatomy TV has added new features. Along with Dentistry, we now have access to Anatomy TV's **3D Real-time Dentistry** and **Dental Hygiene**. Check it out at Anatomy TV.

### **Questions or Comments:**

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Comments? Suggestions? Feedback?  
We'd love to hear from you!



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