

# **FootNotes**

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## **Swine Flu / H1N1 Resources**

Traditional flu season may be anything but traditional this year. It is going to be critical to plan to prevent disease transmission and protect oneself from flu infection. Our collection of links on the recently created [Swine Flu / H1N1 Resources](#) page encompasses valuable resources for healthcare profession as well as the individual consumer. Once there, you will find general information and links to domestic and international resources about the 2009 swine flu outbreak. Additional information will be added as it becomes available and conditions warrant.

So, what should someone begin doing? Get informed and stay informed. Timely information is going to be a key factor!

## **PubMed Journal Links When You Search**

When searching the medical literature, your first choice should be PubMed. You may be wondering why the library staff would want to have you directed to this database first. Whether you use a Samaritan Intranet connected computer or remotely from an outside location, you can gain the same information.

PubMed is a **FREE ACCESS** service from the [National Library of Medicine \(NLM\)](#). To date, it includes over 19 million citations for biomedical literature dating back to 1948. The citations are from MEDLINE and other life sciences journals. PubMed also includes links to many publisher sites providing full text articles and other related resources.

In many instances, use the [PubMed](#) link you will find on the [Databases](#) page as a first choice when deciding where to perform your literature search. When you want to know what is available in the collection of the **Murray Memorial Library**, utilizing this [PubMed](#) link will make apparent not only immediate online access to an article in its entirety (look for the SHS Logo) you may also see the print holdings of a particular journal title (provided we hold it).

The SHS Logo indicates that we have access to the article in its entirety online. Clicking on it will take you to the article, but it may be a third party and not necessarily the publisher of that article. In most instances, if you are on a Samaritan network computer your access will be seamless without a username/password to view and/or print it.

The Print Holdings icon indicates that we have the article in hardcopy on the shelf in the library. Clicking on this icon will "tell" you what years and volumes that we own.

To view either of these access keys within your search results requires that your [Display](#) view from the drop-down menu be the Abstract, AbstractPlus, or Citation view formats.

In subsequent newsletters, we will continue to highlight special features in [PubMed](#) that will help you gain more from the results you obtain.

## **UpToDate is Here!**

*UpToDate* has been added to the many resources available in the Murray Memorial Library. Thanks to a grant from the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Auxiliary to help defray the subscription cost, the Murray Memorial Library has been able to begin subscribing to this evidence-based, peer reviewed resource.

If you have never used *UpToDate*, you will find that it contains more than 7,700 topics in 14 medical specialties including more than 80,000 pages of information providing text, graphics, and PubMed abstracts, with over 260,000 references. In addition, there is a drug database that is integrated into the search results where appropriate. *UpToDate* remains current by being updated every four months.

You won't find it as a part of the Medical Library Gateway, but it can be found on an SHS Intranet network computer providing for emailing the information you find directly to your Samaritan email. Stop by the library and give it a try.

## **Looking For Healthcare News?**

Healthcare is in a constant state of flux. Keeping current with the many issues, events, and developments can be daunting and time consuming. To that end, we just might have the newsletter for you. [FierceHealthcare](#) covers the many ongoing issues and trends affecting the delivery of healthcare in today's fast-paced environment. Popular topics and issues are covered up to the minute through wire services news feeds along with researched commentary keeping healthcare personnel informed. Look for this newly added news source along with many others under the heading [News Sources and Journals Online](#) which can be found on the [Administrative & Management](#) page of the Medical Library Gateway.

## **September is National Preparedness Month**

We covered this in the previous issue of FootNotes but library staff felt since September, 2009 is National Preparedness Month, it was worth revisiting. Therefore with your indulgence we would like to present the section as it "ran" in the last issue.

Disasters never keep a schedule but have that tendency to sneak up on you. Knowing that, you can prepare yourself and your family to weather most you may encounter. A place to begin is our [Emergency Preparedness](#) page which points you resources that you can use right away in developing a plan to keep yourself and loved ones safe. Keys to this are to prepare, plan, and stay informed. So what are you waiting for?