

FootNotes

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The First ABOG List for 2013 is Ready and Waiting!

The first of three [ABOG Reading List - General with Specialties](#) for 2013 has been updated. The reading list for January, 2013 is presented on two pages and can be found on the [Clinical Medicine/Specialties](#) page under the [Obstetrics and Gynecology](#) section of the [Medical Library Gateway](#).

Practicing Obstetricians and Gynecologists who may be looking to ensure their re-certification can click on the ABOG link for the most current reading lists. If you missed any of the past reading lists click on the [Index](#) to previous ABOG Reading Lists; listings are from 2009 to current. Contact any of your libraries for any assistance you may need.

PubMed Search Tip

This is another in our “special features in [PubMed](#) series”. As you perform a more detailed and exhaustive PubMed search, you might want to consider using both a text word approach to your search along with using the MeSH terminology. In brief, the MeSH terms are the subject headings used by the cataloguers and indexers of National Library of Medicine (NLM). MeSH terms/headings may be inverted, e.g., Pulmonary Disease, Chronic Obstructive; or non-inverted, e.g., Lung Diseases.

To perform a comprehensive search which brings up results that are indexed with MeSH terms as well as new items not yet indexed, you can use the Boolean operator (in this instance, **OR**) to combine both text words and MeSH terms in your search. Keep in mind that by using **OR**, you will literally reap everything that is in PubMed at the time of the search.

Let’s look at this example of how it works when you apply this concept by typing in all of the following (minus the arrows) in the [PubMed](#) search box with appropriate spaces between words:

Pulmonary Disease, Chronic Obstructive ←-this is a MeSH term (see how it is inverted)

OR

COPD ←-keyword abbreviation/acronym

The actual search string would look like this:

“Pulmonary Disease, Chronic Obstructive” [MeSH] OR COPD

Library Learning Opportunities Abound!

Did you know that the Libraries of Samaritan Health Services provides instruction and assistance on how to utilize all of the resources we provide? We have always been available to provide information, instruction, and assistance either when in the library or via telephone or email. Now, we are excited to begin offering instructional classes in a more formalized setting.

It begins with our January 31st offering by GSRMC Librarian Stefani Sackinger with a class on “*Medical Literature Searching Success*” which is to be held in the GSRMC Computer Training Room. Any of the instructional classes offered by your libraries can be held at any of our hospital campuses with a short list of technical and space requirements. Contact Ken Willer, MLS, Manager-Library Services.

High Flu Activity Continues

According to the [CDC](#), influenza, more commonly known as “the flu” is a contagious viral infection affecting your respiratory system. Your nose, throat, and lungs are the areas most commonly affected. Though this year’s flu season seemed to have started earlier than in past years, it is showing no signs of abating; in fact, it has been labeled widespread in 47 of the 50 United States! You can track the weekly flu activity throughout the United States [here](#).

One of the more comprehensive websites on and about the flu is [FLU.gov](#). This all about the flu” website covers not only season flu but H1N1 (swine), H5N1 (bird), H3N2, and pandemic flu information. **It is never too late to get the vaccine**, though it may take up to two weeks for the preventive aspects of the vaccine to take effect. If you did not receive the vaccine yet, as an SHS employee you should contact your Employee Health at the Samaritan hospital where you work at or simply use the [Flu Vaccine Finder](#) to find a retail location to get vaccinated.

Now you know!

New Virtual Resources Added

Its official! One of the new active subscriptions to our electronic resources is the Wiley point-of-care product [Essential Evidence Plus \(EE+\)](#) and our switch from the Ovid version of the [Cochrane Systematic Reviews](#) to the Wiley product. We are making the switch to provide greater unlimited access to both via the SHS Intranet where no login is required and when offsite with a username/password. A nice feature of the switch to Wiley’s version of Cochrane is its accessibility through the literature search results when using either of the [PubMed](#) links found on our [Databases](#) page; where you will also find EE+ and the Cochrane Systematic Reviews.

[The Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics](#) is now part of our growing [Online Textbooks](#) collection. You can find it under the [Family/Internal Medicine](#) subject section.

As with the vast majority of our online resources, most are accessible when offsite using a username/password which can be easily obtained by contacting library staff. The library staff is always happy to assist you with instructions on how to use any of electronic resources we subscribe to.

Library Staff News!

Our Librarian at Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAGH) Douglas Hambley continues with his thespian pursuits landing a role in *Man of La Mancha* which opens March 1st at the Albany Civic Theater and runs through March 23rd. And you can listen to his radio show Sunday Showtunes, which airs on Sundays at 9:00am and 9:00pm on KSHO 920 AM.

Visit or contact SHS libraries:

Murray Memorial Library at GSRMC - 541.768.6200 or
Stanley K. Davis Library at SAGH - 541.812.4446