

## MSU NetID | Authentication | Access

By using the [Health Sciences Digital Library](#) links to ebooks, databases, and other online resources you will automatically be prompted for your MSU NetID when off campus.

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1 (800) 500-1554;  
(517) 355-2345;  
or [reachout@msu.edu](mailto:reachout@msu.edu)

You may also contact Iris Monday - Friday 9am-5pm by phone or email to troubleshoot access issues.

### LINKS

MSUNetID

<https://netid.msu.edu/>

Off Campus Access

<http://www.lib.msu.edu/dls/>

Requesting Library Materials

<https://www.lib.msu.edu/health/requests/>

## Medical EBooks | Print Books

MSU Libraries subscribes to a substantial number of medical ebooks that are available 24/7 to students and faculty via our Medical EBooks Guide. On the guide our ebooks are divided by subject, collection, and the required and recommended readings for the first, second, third, and fourth years of medical school.

You can also search the library catalogue (link on the guide) and selecting the advanced search option and choosing 'electronic

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Medical EBooks Guide

<http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/medicalebooks>

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To find print books please search the online library catalog at <http://lib.msu.edu> by title, author, or keyword.

## Requesting Books & Articles [ILL]

You can order a copy of an article, book chapter, or an entire book through our Interlibrary Loan service (ILL) and have it delivered to your email, the Main Library, Secchia Center, or your home.

You will need to sign up for an ILLiad user account before you can make a request. Use the links at *Requesting Library Materials* to do so.

For delivery location you should select the option that is closest to you, either a facility (eg: Main Library, Secchia Center) or distance if you are outside of East Lansing or Grand Rapids (eg: >50 miles).

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The book will be sent through the mail and articles and book chapters are sent electronically and you will receive an email when it is available.

The MSU Libraries subscribes to thousands of journals on a multitude of platforms. **Always access MSU's electronic databases through the Health Science Digital Library's database page.** By doing so you will be authenticated through your MSU NetID and will see the option to download free full text of most articles.

We have subscriptions to all the major medical databases including PubMed, Web of Science, and Embase. We also subscribe to large databases that cover not just journal content but also ebooks, videos, images, and more. Examples of these are Clinical Key, Access Medicine, and Stat!ref.

If you don't want to search a large database for your articles use the A-Z E-Journal List. You can search by title or subject and see exactly what we own, the range of years it is available, and if we have it in print, electronic, or both. This is also helpful if you find an article in a database that does not give you a link to the full text. Trying looking the journal up in the A-Z E-Journal list to see if we do in fact have a subscription to the

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Medical Databases

<https://www.lib.msu.edu/health/med-db/>

A-Z E-Journal List

<http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/eresources/ejournals>



Requesting Library Materials

<https://www.lib.msu.edu/health/requests/>

journal. If we do you can often get the full text link by going through the link to the journal in the library catalogue.

Chances are we subscribe to the journal with article you would like to read in full text and if we do not you can make an InterLibrary Loan (ILL) request and get the article sent to you for free from a partner institution via our ILL department.

### Finding Full Text Articles

When searching databases from off-campus remember to log in to your library account and, regardless of location, click on the Find Text at MSU button  to see if MSU users have access to the full text content. In PubMed you may also see a Spartan block S Full Text button  that you click to access full text articles.

### Tips for Searching the Medical Literature

At MSU you have access to many databases that can be used to find medical literature. Searching for key terms will, in many cases, find some relevant literature. But there are some tricks that will make your searching faster and more efficient. If you are doing an indepth literature review, contact your librarian for more guidance.

Most library databases, including PubMed, require knowledge of Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT) for effective searching.

You can access a Boolean Cheat Sheet at <http://hsl.lib.umn.edu/biomed/help/boolean-operators>

There are also many online tutorials:

PubMed BASICS handout

<http://nml.gov/training/resources/pmtri.pdf>

PubMed online video tutorials

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/pubmed.html>

## Point-of-Care Tools

Point-of-care tools are used to quickly make evidence-based decisions in a clinical setting. They are examples of filtered information sources and include summaries, with links to relevant articles and guidelines, and are often graded for quality.

Some of the point-of-care tools MSU Libraries subscribes to are: DynamedPlus, VisualDX, and Essential Evidence Plus.

For more information, go to our Point-of-Care tools guide:

<https://www.lib.msu.edu/health/poc/>

## Mobile Apps

There are a lot of options for medical students and physicians looking to connect to information on their mobile devices.

The MSU Libraries has curated a list of mobile apps that are particularly relevant to students and faculty.

The list includes apps for point-of-care tools, journals and e-readers, textbooks and study tools,

### LINKS

Mobile Apps for Medical Students and Physicians Guide

<http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/mobilemedapps/>

terminology and translation, medical calculators, tools for keeping current with medical literature, and accessing multimedia.

## Examination Preparation Tools

MSU Libraries subscribes to an NBME subject exam question bank and most of the First Aid Test Prep ebooks. We have USMLE test prep books available in print.

You will find links to all of these resources, and more, through our Examination Preparation Guide.

### LINKS

Examination Preparation Guide

<http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/medicalboardexamprep>

## Writing | Citing

Whether you are writing case reports, essays, or full literature reviews the library has resources for you. Please take a look at our guide *Writing in the Medical Sciences* for more information.

Similarly, supporting your ideas with evidence-based research is a key component in evidence-based medicine. But you should always give credit where credit is due.

For information on academic integrity see our guides on recognising and avoiding plagiarism and citation styles and citation management tools.

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Writing in the Medical Sciences

<http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/medwriting>

Citation Style Guides

<https://www.lib.msu.edu/research/cite-resources/>

Citation Management Software

<https://www.lib.msu.edu/citationmanagementsw/>