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Medical News and Alerts

"Don't go after information to keep current - have the information come to you"
(S.Cohen. Eight Steps to Keeping Current)
www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslpubsandjournals/kqweb/kqarchives/v33/331cohen.pdf

Alert services, electronic discussion and mailing lists, RSS, and web-logs help health care professionals to keep up-to-date with the ever-increasing amount of medical and public health information available.

MedWorm

MedWorm is a medical RSS feed provider as well as a search engine built on data collected from RSS feeds. RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication and it is a technology used to simply publish and gather details of the very latest information on the internet. MedWorm collects updates from over 6000 authoritative data sources (growing each day) via RSS feeds. From the data collected, MedWorm provides new outgoing RSS feeds on various medical categories that you can subscribe to, via the free MedWorm online service, or another RSS reader of your choice, such as Bloglines, Newsgator, Google Reader or FeedDemon. It is a way to quickly find out new information on the internet, without having to wade through irrelevant pages full of slow loading graphics and advertisements. This is done by the publishing of short headlines and summaries that say what is new on a website, with links to the full articles. These summaries (RSS files) are picked up and read by simplified web browsers known as RSS Readers (or RSS Aggregators). RSS can also be used to announce your own news and publications to the world. RSS files are now provided by many leading online medical journals and medical resources on the internet, such as PubMed, the BMJ and Medscape. It will soon be available as standard with all respected websites. MedWorm was built and is owned by Frankie Dolan, a UK based IT developer.

URL: <http://www.medworm.com/>

Medgrab

Medgrab, a web service of the Samaritan Health Services Libraries, is a site where you can 1) sign up to receive email alerts of the Tables-of-Contents of journals in your field or 2) sign up for saved searches that will alert you to recent articles on that topic.

URL: <http://www.medgrab.com>

My NCBI (PubMed)

NCBI stands for the National Center for Biotechnology Information. NCBI creates public data bases, one of which is PubMed. With My NCBI you can save searches and data important to you from PubMed, and you can set your preferences for NCBI's tools and web site. It also has an option to automatically update and e-mail search results from your saved searches. To use My NCBI, your Web browser must be set to accept cookies and to allow pop-ups from NCBI Web pages.

URL: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/>

ticTOCs

The ticTOCs Project is piloting a free service where researchers, academics and anyone else can keep up-to-date with scholarly journal Tables of Contents (TOCs). This is the beta version. Further features and enhancements will appear in the near future. You can start by searching for TOCs, or by browsing TOCs by publisher. Then, if you click on a journal title, the latest Table of Contents will be displayed. You can also use ticTOCs to select journal TOCs and save them in your MyTOCs folder (with a "tick"). From there you can read future TOCs at your convenience, or export them as an OPML file into your favourite feed reader. Please **Register** to ensure your MyTOCs are permanently saved. At the moment, ticTOCs has **11,317** journal Tables of Contents, with **281,588** articles, collected from **413** publishers. More journals will be added in the future.

URL: <http://www.tictocs.ac.uk/>

Evidence Updates (BMJ+ Updates)

BMJ Group and McMaster University's Health Information Research Unit are collaborating to provide medical specialists with access to current best evidence from research, tailored to your own health care interests, to support evidence-based clinical decisions. This service is unique: all citations (from over 150 premier clinical journals) are pre-rated for quality by research staff, then rated for clinical relevance and interest by at least 3 members of a worldwide panel of practicing physicians. They also abstract systematic reviews from over 800 journals in several languages. This free service offers: an email alerting system; a searchable database of the best evidence from the medical literature; links to selected evidence-based resources. Physicians who are in general practice or primary care, internal medicine or its subspecialties are invited to register their interests so that they can receive email alerts and searching access for literature that is matched to their personal clinical interests. Email alert service notifies you of important new research about the diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, etiology and economics of medical conditions.

URL: <http://plus.mcmaster.ca/EvidenceUpdates/>

Journal Watch

Journal Watch Physician Editorial Boards survey the medical literature, select the most important research and guidelines, distill them into focused summaries, and frame them in a clinical context. In addition, they cover the most important medical news, drug information, and public health alerts. Journal Watch makes online access free to the low-income countries. Users from these countries will be recognized automatically by their IP addresses and allowed access to full text without charge. It is produced by the publishers of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

URL: <http://www.jwatch.org/>

Articles

Rogers L. RSS and Scholarly Journal Tables of Contents: the ticTOCs Project, and Good Practice Guidelines for Publishers

URL: <http://web.fumsi.com/go/article/share/3356>

Cohen S. Eight Steps to Keeping Current

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Health Resources Digest, March 2003 - Weblogs and Weblog Publishing Tools

<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/attaches/98859/Health%20Resources%20Digest%20Mar%2003-eng.pdf>

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