

Library Highlights

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Stan Carroll Library South West Healthcare

Mission: The Stan Carroll Library strives to provide quality library and information services in the field of health sciences to the South West Healthcare network.

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Are you reading?... Articles of Interest

Research methods & reporting: recommendations for examining and interpreting funnel plot asymmetry in meta- analyses of randomised controlled trials

Sterne, Jonathan A C et. al.

BMJ 343(7818), p.302 – 307, doi: 10.1136/bmj.d4002

What is a funnel plot? Funnel plot asymmetry is often, wrongly, equated with publication or other reporting biases. The use and appropriate interpretation of funnel plots and tests for funnel plot asymmetry have been controversial because of questions about statistical validity, disputes over appropriate interpretation, and low power of the test.

Funnel plots, and tests for funnel plot symmetry, have been widely used to examine bias in the results of meta-analyses.

Funnel plot asymmetry should not be equated with publication bias, because it has a number of other possible causes.

This article describes how to interpret funnel plot asymmetry, recommends appropriate tests, and explains the implications for choice of meta-analysis model.

Just to let you know...

Photocopier

A new photocopier has arrived to the library. It has many new functions. Please **Ask a librarian, if you need assistance.**

Library Barcode Project Implementation

The library has implemented a "Library Barcode Project" since mid September. Items may be removed from the shelves temporarily. Please **Ask a librarian, if you need assistance to locate an item.**

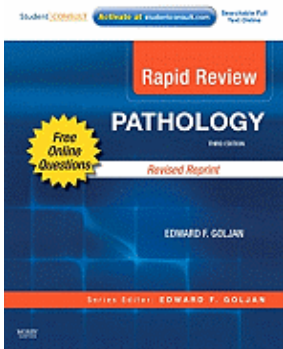
IT Training Room

A gentle reminder that the IT training room was dedicated to the use for staff training. It will be most appreciated if reservation made in advance at the reference counter or **Ask a librarian.**



NEW TEXT ARRIVALS

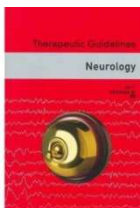
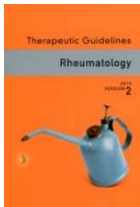
	<p>Title: Evidence-based practice: across the health professions Author(s): Hoffmann, Tammy; Bennett, Sally and Del Mar, Chris. Published: Chatswood, N.S.W. : Churchill Livingstone, c2010.</p> <p>Evidence-based Practice across the Health Professions provides an excellent foundation for understanding and practising evidence-based practice. It discusses the critical role of clinical reasoning and provides practical, worked examples of how to formulate questions, find and evaluate evidence, and apply the results to client care. Readers will find many useful strategies to facilitate shared decision making and to integrate evidence into clinical practice.</p>
	<p>Title: Caring for diabetes in children and adolescents Editor(s): Ambler, Geoffrey and Cameron, Fergus Edition: 3rd ed. Published: Westmead : Combined Children's Diabetes Services of New South Wales, c2010.</p> <p>Caring for Diabetes in Children and Adolescents will help you look after diabetes in your child or adolescent. The editors and contributors are experienced children's diabetes health professionals in Australia. The book reflects their common approach to diabetes care and is a comprehensive, practical and up to date guide to all aspects of diabetes care.</p>
	<p>Title: Essential orthopaedics and trauma Author(s): Dandy, David J Edition: 5th ed. Published: Edinburgh : Churchill Livingstone, c2009.</p> <p>Essential Orthopaedics and Trauma offers the reader the essentials of the subject area. Fully updated throughout, the latest edition includes discussion of important advances such as gene therapy, biological treatments and the latest surgical techniques including the use of 'locking plates' in the treatment of osteoporotic fractures.</p>
	<p>Title: Microbiology and infection control for health professionals Author(s): Lee, Gary and Bishop, Penny Edition: 4th ed. Published: Frenchs Forest, N.S.W. : Pearson, c2010.</p> <p>Microbiology and Infection Control for Health professionals, 4th ed., provides students of nursing and health sciences with the most comprehensive and current introduction to the study of microbiology and infectious diseases. Knowledge of microbiology and how diseases are spread will make students and health-care professionals aware of the critical importance of infection control in health-care settings. A central theme throughout the text is the relevance of microbiology to patient care for all health professionals.</p>



Title: Pathology
Author(s): Goljan, Edward F.
Edition: 3rd ed.
Published: Philadelphia, PA : Mosby/Elsevier, c2011.

Pathology combines an outline-format review of key concepts with hundreds of USML-style practice questions.

- Review the most current information with completely updated chapters and more than 675 images.
- Practice with the testing platform on USML Consult, which gives students a realistic testing experience and fully prepares them for the examination.



Therapeutic Guidelines:

- **Gastrointestinal, version 5, 2011**

This new version has been revised in the well-honed Therapeutic Guidelines manner. Two expert groups have been involved – one revised all the gastrointestinal topics other than infections, and the other revised the text on gastrointestinal infections.

- **Rheumatology, version 2, 2010**

The rheumatology topics were separated out from Therapeutic Guidelines: Analgesic and expanded to form version 1 in 2006.

The expert writing group recognised the importance of accurate assessment, and this has resulted in a new chapter 'Assessment of the patient with peripheral musculoskeletal symptoms.'

There are important new recommendations for drug treatment of rheumatological pain, especially of nonspecific low back pain, osteoarthritis, acute neck pain and shoulder pain.

- **Neurology, version 4, 2011**

This new version largely adheres to the basic structure of the previous versions, with one notable exception. 'Stroke and transient ischaemic attacks' has been divided into separate topics of primary prevention and of management of an established stroke or TIA. This has enabled an extensive rewrite of these particularly important topics.

Rural Health Education Foundation DVDs

- **Smoking: an indigenous health challenge**

This program assists health practitioners with the knowledge and understanding to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people quit smoking. A range of interventions to help prevent tobacco use and assist Indigenous Australians to quit are examined.

- **The Patient's Choice: quality at the end of life (accompany with Learning Guide)**

This DVD explores the issues involved in end of life care. It looks at the need for patients to have accurate information and a specific assessment of their situation; it examines the use of advance care plans; and it explores the latest developments in palliative and end of life care.