

# New @ the Library

## March, 2006

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### UpToDate version 14.1.

UpToDate has just released its newest version, 14.1. With this new upgrade, UpToDate is introducing a new feature. They are now beginning to add evidence grading on recommendations for treatment. Currently, only about 150 topic reviews have been graded. The graded recommendations are located in the Summary and Recommendations section at the bottom of a graded topic review, directly above the references.

There are two parts to the grading system. The first is a number (1 or 2) which reflects a strong or weak recommendation. The second is a letter (A, B, or C) which reflects the quality of evidence. These graded recommendations are based on the clinical expertise of UpToDate's authors, editors, and peer reviewers.

Recommendation Grades		
1	Strong Recommendation "We recommend..."	Benefits clearly outweigh the risks and burdens (or vice versa) for most, if not all, patients
2	Weaker Recommendation "We suggest..."	Benefits and risks closely balanced and/or uncertain
Evidence Grades		
A	High Quality Evidence	Consistent evidence from randomized trials, or overwhelming evidence of some other form
B	Moderate Quality Evidence	Evidence from randomized trials with important limitations, or very strong evidence of some other form
C	Low Quality Evidence	Evidence from observational studies, unsystematic clinical observations, or from randomized trials with serious flaws

For more information on UpToDate's newest version, please contact the Reference Department at 909-469-5323 or email us using the [Ask a Librarian](#) form.

March 13, 2006

### Searching UpToDate Workshop.

This hour-long workshop will teach you how to do basic and advanced searches for evidence-based topic reviews using the UpToDate database. Additional features of this database, including the Lexi-Interact drug interactions program, medical calculators, and ECG tests, will be discussed.

Facilitated by Alicia Saulpaugh, Reference Librarian.

Pumerantz Library Teaching Lab (2nd floor)

Thursday, March 16, 2006

4 - 5 pm

Limit of 12 persons. Light refreshments will be served.

Reserve a seat by calling 909-469-5323 or email [reference@westernu.edu](mailto:reference@westernu.edu)

**March 21, 2006**

**How do I find...? Using the library's electronic resources.**

In this 1 hour workshop you will be shown the different functions and services available on the electronic resources and reference web pages. You will specifically learn how to locate journals and databases and use the subject directories and tutorials. The services available to distance education/rotations students will also be discussed.

Facilitated by Rudy R. Barreras, Reference Librarian.

Pumerantz Library Teaching Lab (2nd floor)

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

4 - 5 pm

Limit of 12 persons. Light refreshments will be served.

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**March 30, 2006**

**National Library Week April 3-7, 2006**

Stop by the library April 3rd - 7th to help us celebrate National Library Week. We will be offering a variety of events:

**Monday, April 3rd through Wednesday, April 5th - Book Giveaway**

The book giveaway will be open from 7am - 10pm each day. The books will be placed in the 1st floor lobby area.

**Tuesday, April 4th, 4-5pm- PubMed in 1 hour or less**

In this workshop you will be shown the newest feature upgrades and updates in PubMed. You will also be shown how to perform a general search and use the tools provided with PubMed. This will be followed by a brief question and answer session.

Facilitated by Rudy R. Barreras, Reference Librarian

**Wednesday, April 5th, 4-5pm- Got PDA?**

Explore the world of PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) in medicine. We will give a quick overview of the different hardware/software options and the basic functions that are generally used in the clinical setting. Check out the many resources for finding software and free applications you can download today!

Facilitated by John Harris, Technical Services Librarian

**Thursday, April 6th, 4-5pm- AccessMedicine**

AccessMedicine has more than just electronic books. Come learn more about this database and what it can do for you. With features like a drug index, Harrison's online, and podcasts, AccessMedicine has a lot to offer.

Facilitated by Alicia Saulpaugh, Reference Librarian

The workshops are open to the entire WesternU community. Workshops will be held in the Pumerantz Library 2nd floor Teaching Lab in room 211. **There will be a raffle prize given away at each workshop.** Everyone who attends the workshop and turns in an evaluation form will be entered to win the raffle prize. No reservations are necessary, first come first served. There is a

limit of 12 seats per workshop. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact the library at (909) 469-5323 for more information.