

FAQ Regarding Changes to Resources Available to Oregon Licensed Health Professionals

What are the changes and when are they happening? All Oregon licensed health professionals will lose access to STAT!Ref, DynaMed and EBSCO MEDLINE but will gain access to Access Medicine. Additionally, MDs and DOs will be able to participate in a first-come, first-served journal article delivery pilot project contracted through Reprints Desk. These changes will take effect in July.

Why are these changes being made? After evaluating the cost and usage of these resources and a subsequent unsuccessful attempt to broaden funding, it became clear that we needed to make some changes. It is our hope that the new suite of resources and services will garner more use and result in a lower cost per use.

How do I access these new resources? The new resources are available at <http://www.ohsu.edu/library/orhp>. In order to use them, you must first obtain an OHSU Library barcode. A library barcode can be obtained at <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/library/services/forms/barcode.cfm>.

How are these resources funded? A small portion of MD and DO licensing fees provide funding for these resources. The OHSU Library receives no additional funds for these resources and services.

Who is eligible to participate in the article delivery pilot project? Only Oregon licensed MDs and DOs who have obtained OHSU Library barcodes may participate in this pilot.

Why is the article delivery pilot only available for MDs and DOs? The source of our funding comes from MDs and DOs, and providing access to quality journal literature is expensive. Our budget can't accommodate extending this service to all licensed health professionals.

What does first-come, first served mean with regard to the article delivery pilot project? First-come, first-served means that once the collective, appropriated budget for the article delivery pilot project runs out, the ability to request articles will be terminated.

Is there a limit to the number of articles each individual can request? Yes, each individual can request up to 3 articles during the pilot, which will end in June 2014 or when the funds appropriated for the project are spent.

I'm disappointed to be losing access to some of these resources. How can I advocate for expanded access? The OHSU Library aspires to provide quality resources to the widest audience possible within the constraints of our budget. If you'd like to see more resources available to individuals in your specialty, please contact your state-based professional association to let them know that you value information resources. Encourage them to advocate for appropriating a portion of your licensing fees to help expand statewide specialty-specific OHSU Library information resources and services.