Accessing and Using Electronic Resources Policy

The Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Library purchases electronic databases, journals, books, and other resources from publishers and vendors. License agreements between the OHSU Library and these providers permit access for faculty, employees, and students of OHSU and, for most resources, campus visitors. Some electronic resources may have additional restrictions imposed by the provider.

On Campus: Electronic resources may be accessed from devices connected to the OHSU wired and wireless networks. The Library provides computers for use by the general public in the Biomedical Information Communications Center (BICC).

Off Campus: Users affiliated with OHSU, as defined below, may access electronic resources remotely:

- Employees;
- Employees of the Oregon Health & Science University Foundation;
- Faculty with current appointments as defined by OHSU Policy 03-15-020, Academic and Research Institute Faculty Appointments;
- Students who are enrolled in OHSU courses as certified by the Office of the Registrar.

Through a program funded by license fees collected by the Oregon Medical Board, the Library provides remote access to some clinical electronic resources to Oregon licensed health professionals. The Library is not able to provide off-campus access to others such as alumni, independent scholars, or Oregon citizens.

Misuse of electronic resources is potentially subject to OHSU disciplinary action and legal liability under the statutes of the State of Oregon and United States of America. University and Library login credentials may not, under any circumstances, be shared with, or used by, persons other than those to whom they have been assigned. Users of electronic resources must comply with:

- OHSU Policy 12-70-005, Use of Copyrighted Material;
- OHSU Policy 11-20-010, Acceptable Use of Computing and Telecommunications Resources;
- License restrictions imposed by the provider. Commercial use and systematic downloading of content are normally prohibited.

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Relevant web links:
OHSU Policy 03-10-025, Academic and Research Institute Faculty Appointments:  

Resources for Non-OHSU Oregon Licensed Health Professionals:  
http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/library/orhp.cfm

OHSU Policy 12-70-005, Use of Copyrighted Material:  
https://o2.ohsu.edu/policies-and-compliance/ohsu-policy-manual/chapter-12-other-policies/ohsu-policy-12-70-005.cfm

OHSU Policy 11-20-010, Acceptable Use of Computing and Telecommunications Resources:  