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New Functionality Coming to PubMed

From the [NLM Tech Bulletin](#):

NCBI and other NLM Divisions are working to make the wealth of information in the Entrez databases more accessible to PubMed users. In upcoming months, searchers may encounter options designed to lead them to additional Entrez resources. Currently, searchers can find a link on the Abstract display that will take them to a new version of that format. We hope PubMed users will try this and future enhancements and let us know if they lead to useful information.

Outpatient U.S. Medical Care Exceeds 1 Billion Visits

New reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention examine ambulatory health care in America. They report on the more than 1 billion visits a year Americans make to doctors' offices, emergency rooms and hospital outpatient departments. The latest in an annual series, these reports provide a comprehensive analysis of visits to ambulatory health care settings in 2004.

A brief summary of the ambulatory medical care utilization estimates can be [accessed here](#).

The full-text of the three reports are available below:

- + [“National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2004 Summary” \(PDF\)](#)
- + [“National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2004 Emergency Department Summary” \(PDF\)](#)
- + [“National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2004 Outpatient Departments Summary” \(PDF\)](#)

Source: Centers for Disease Control

HPD Library – New Database Trial – Natural Standard Database

Available until August 18th, the Library and the Pharmacy College have initiated a trial subscription to the Natural Standard Database. This unique database is widely recognized as one of the world's premier sources of information in the area of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). The Natural Standard database is a clinical decision-making support tool in the area of CAM that is designed to help clinicians counsel patients on the safety and efficacy of herbs, supplements, vitamins, diets, nutrition, exercise, and complementary practices

We would like your input on this database. Please tell us what you think about this database's content, interface, ease of use, or any other evaluative comments you might have, and email me at mariano@nova.edu

Accessible from the link at the top of the HPD Library homepage:

<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/hpdlibrary/index.html>

Two New Internet Resources in Public Health Communication

Developed by the Emory Center for Public Health Communication, [HealthComm Key is a searchable database](#) containing comprehensive summaries from published peer-reviewed studies related to health communication. You can use HealthComm Key to improve your public health programs by applying findings from previous studies and evaluations.

[Health Communication Web Resources](#) is a monthly compilation of sites, articles, etc., organized by Marcia Zorn, MLIS. Archived issues (MS Word, Available). Registration at the site is required for access.

New Evidence Based Medicine Tool

The Evidence Based Knowledge Portal, developed by the Eskind Biomedical Library @ Vanderbilt University Medical Center with grant funding (NLM grant number 5R01LM007849), includes tutorials addressing facets of statistical analysis and critiquing the medical literature as well as virtual practice cases that allow users to explore principles of EBM (e.g. number needed to treat, selection bias) in the context of a clinical scenario. Cases include pre-and post- tests to allow users to gauge their knowledge and progress.

A valid email address is required for registration to access the database.

Available at: <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/biolib/ebmportal/>