

3 Collection development statements for specific disciplines

Faculty of Medicine

Overview

The collection's primary function is to support the education, research, and clinical practice needs of faculties and students in the Faculty of Medicine, with an emphasis on the areas of biomedical sciences, clinical sciences, public health, nursing, pharmacology and pharmacy, and Chinese medicine.

The library seeks to support the teaching programs and research activities of the Faculty through a current and comprehensive collection of medicine literature. The collection on clinical sciences is primarily housed in the Li Ping Medical Library and pre-clinical subjects plus nursing, pharmacy and Chinese medicine are located in the University Library.

Subject areas supported

The medicine collections reflect the interests of the following departments of which programs from undergraduate to postgraduate research level are offered:

- Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care
- Department of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology
- School of Biomedical Sciences
- Department of Chemical Pathology
- School of Chinese Medicine
- Department of Clinical Oncology
- Department of Imaging and Interventional Radiology
- Department of Medicine and Therapeutics
- Department of Microbiology
- The Nethersole School of Nursing
- Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
- Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
- Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

- Department of Paediatrics
- School of Pharmacy
- Department of Psychiatry
- The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care
- Department of Surgery

Research areas of the Faculty involve a broad spectrum of laboratory and clinical medicine, and cross disciplinary subjects including aging studies, diabetes care and integrative medicine.

Current collecting focuses on pre-clinical sciences, general medicine, and all aspects of clinical specialties. De-emphasized subjects include aerospace medicine, chiropractic, dentistry and oral surgery, consumer health, homeopathy, and military medicine.

Intellectual Level

Collecting in medicine and health sciences is generally at the instructional support to research level. The overall goal is to build a collection at research level for graduate study.

Formats collected

Formats and materials acquired generally:

- Monographs
- Journals
- Reference works
- Databases
- Handbooks

Formats and materials collected selectively:

- Digital learning tools e.g. mobile apps, virtual reality applications
- Audiovisual materials
- Microfilm
- Laboratory manuals
- Examination review guides

To emphasize access to scholarly information without the restrictions of time or place, electronic versions are preferred over print equivalents whenever available.

For recommended textbooks, electronic version is preferred when a title is available both in print and electronic formats. Printed textbooks will be acquired only when an electronic version is unavailable and they can be put on short term loan in the Reserve Collection. The number of copies purchased would depend on the class size, generally not exceed three copies unless requesters indicate their preferences with special reasons.

Languages collected

English is the primary language collected except the collection on Chinese medicine which is predominately in Chinese language.

Chronological and geographical focus

Emphasis is given to the selection and acquisition of current materials. Recently published materials are given top priority.

Materials are acquired from all geographical extents. Materials related to Hong Kong medicine and health care are acquired comprehensively.

Collaborations within CUHK

The medicine collection is developed and managed in regular collaboration with branch libraries. Materials on biochemistry, molecular biology, biotechnology, bioethics, food and nutrition sciences are collected and maintained at the University Library. Sport science materials are collected at the Chung Chi College Library.

Useful Links

Library Subject Guide: https://libguides.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/sb.php?subject_id=48250

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